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City to conduct public hearing on sign ordinance

► Hearing to be held at council meeting on March 29

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling will conduct a public hearing on its proposed sign ordinance – a document that would regulate the use and appearance of all types of signage within the city – at the city council's next regular meeting on March 29.

The sign ordinance has been in the works for over a year. For several months, it went back and forth between the council and the city's planning commission for revisions. The planning commission created the original document.

In November of 2003, the city council appointed a sub-committee to "polish" the lengthy proposed ordinance and get it into shape for possible ratification by the council. The sub-committee, which consists of council members, planning commission members, and two citizen volunteers, had its draft ready for inspection at the council's March 8 meeting.

In February, anticipating the finished product from the sub-committee, the council voted to hold a public hearing on the proposed sign ordinance. The hearing will be held at City Hall on

Monday, March 29, during the council's regular meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m.

Copies of the proposed sign ordinance are available at City Hall, located on City Boulevard just south of the Grayling Army Airfield.

The proposed document includes:

- A statement of purpose: "An ordinance to regulate and control the size, location, number and types of signs within the City of Grayling and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. The purpose of this ordinance is to permit signs that will not, by their size, location, construction or manner of display, endanger the public safety of any person, will be consistent with the intent and purposes of the City of Grayling Zoning Ordinance and will enhance the public interest and general welfare."

- Definitions of terms used in the ordinance;

- Regulations for the use and appearance of "Temporary Signs" (garage sale signs, political signs, real estate signs, sandwich [freestanding A-frame type] signs, and vehicle signs;

- A requirement for obtaining sign permits to "erect, place, structurally alter, or add to any sign." Some temporary signs, such as political signs and sandwich signs, do not require permits, according to the proposed

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Vikings win District title

► GHS defeats Bucks, Blazers, and Hornets to win tournament

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

With a 19-0 run to finish last Friday's championship game, Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team defeated the Harrison Hornets 58-41 at

GHS to win the District #63 Tournament and qualify for Regionals.

Grayling opened the tournament with a 71-40 victory over the Roscommon Bucks on Tuesday in a round one District match-up.

On Thursday, in the District semi-finals, Grayling defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 66-59 in overtime to advance to the tournament's championship game.

On Friday, in front of the team's home Grayling crowd, the Vikings won a hard-fought battle against the Harrison Hornets by pulling away late in the game.

Grayling trailed 41-39 with 4:13 remaining in regulation. From there, the Vikings scored 19 unanswered points to win the game by a final score of 58-41.

The Vikings posted a 12-8 regular season record this year,

with an 8-6 league record in the Lake Michigan Conference. Grayling is 3-0 in the 2004 play-offs.

Grayling will continue its post-season run with a game vs. the Tawas Braves in Regionals on Friday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Houghton Lake High School. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

For more coverage on the three District games, see Section B.



Photo by Caleb Casey

The Vikings hoist their District championship trophy (and receive an enthusiastic ovation from the crowd) on Friday following a 58-41 victory over the Harrison Hornets in the District final game held at Grayling High School. The Vikings play Tawas in Regionals this Friday.

Red Cross, doctor help create a family

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A member of a local Michigan National Guard unit had a bit more to do than most prior to his deployment to Iraq.

As his deployment with the 1439th Engineer Detachment Firefighters approached, so did the birth of his daughter. Sgt. Eric Albright was scheduled to leave Fort McCoy in Wisconsin on February 3.

"He was waiting at Fort McCoy to fly over to the Middle East when I talked to the Red Cross to try to bring him home," said Danielle (Outman) Albright. "The Red Cross contacted my doctor who explained my medical circumstances and how it would be important for Eric to be present. Thanks to him, we were able to get him home."

Sgt. Albright flew home to Grayling on February 3, just as the rest of the soldiers of the 1439th departed for Kuwait. The couple was married three days later on February 6.

Dr. Vincent Schultz, MD arranged an "induction" to allow Eric to be present for the birth. Taylor Elizabeth Albright was born at 12:58 p.m. on Thursday, February 12 to Sgt. and Mrs. Eric

Albright. She was welcomed into the family by grandparents Barry and Ginger LaForge, David and Rita Outman, Harvey and Elizabeth O'Connor, and Mark and Kim Albright.

"Without the help of the Red Cross and Dr. Schultz, and Eric's command, this would not have been possible," said Danielle. "Having Eric home for the birth of his daughter was the best thing for all of us and I really appreciated everything that was done to make it possible."

Over the past 20 years, the U.S. military has made long strides in becoming more "family friendly." No longer is there an attitude of "your wife and kids were not issued with your duffel bag." Military officials know the importance of high morale which includes a soldier or sailor's knowledge that loved ones are doing well back at home. The support of spouses and other family members play a vital part in morale building.

Sgt. Albright was able to spend three days getting to know his new little girl before he left Grayling on February 15 to prepare for his flight overseas on February 18 where he is serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



The Sgt. Eric Albright family came to be within days of his deployment to Iraq, due to the efforts of a doctor, the Red Cross and the command of the 1439th Engineer Detachment, putting family first. Eric was able to welcome Taylor Elizabeth with his new wife, Danielle shortly before leaving for the Middle East.

Camp Grayling's Red Cross phone lines need volunteers

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Each spring, Camp Grayling prepares for the arrival of thousands of Army National Guard troops who use the installation's many facilities for training. With those troops often come news of emergencies back at home. Red Cross volunteers are also stationed at the camp to help when emergencies arise.

Camp Grayling Red Cross Coordinator Ralph Krolezyk (pronounced "krolcheck") said he is in need of volunteers to help man the phone lines in 12 hour shifts, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., each day soldiers are at the camp for training.

"Soldiers in the National Guard often have emergencies back home when they are up here on duty," said Krolezyk. "It could be a death in the family, or a sudden illness, or a birth."

"The only way a soldier can be released from duty to go home is after the Red Cross volunteers have verified the information and it is given to his or her commanding officer. This is where we need volunteers," he said.

Krolezyk needs to staff the Red Cross office 24 hours a day, seven days a week while troops are at the camp, using the Armed Forces Emergency Services program (AFES). Volunteers will receive training and work closely with families and military officials to make sure the news of an emergency back at home gets to service members as quickly as possible.

Red Cross has their own building at Camp Grayling. It has two sleeping rooms, a full bath and an office area.

Volunteers can prepare their own snacks or meals, as the facility also has a microwave oven, toaster oven and refrigerator. To help pass some of the long hours when the phone is quiet, a television with satellite service is also provided.

"You would be serving your country by volunteering to help out the Red Cross with the AFES program," Krolezyk said.

Anyone interested in becoming a Camp Grayling Army National Guard Red Cross AFES volunteer, call Krolezyk as soon as possible at 348-3024.

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GMS students heading to Australia

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Marie Miller and Megan Wyskiel, seventh grade students at Grayling Middle School, are getting ready to spend two weeks exploring Australia through the People to People program.

Both girls were recommended by one of their former teachers and although they have tried to find out the identity, at this point, the teacher remains unidentified.

Miller and Wyskiel were two of approximately 100 students throughout the northern Lower Peninsula and eastern Upper Peninsula invited to participate in the program. Following the initial meeting, those interested in continuing were asked to provide three recommendations and be interviewed.

Those selected have been meeting monthly with their five local People to People leaders and fellow group members to learn more about Australia both through homework and presentations made by group members.

Miller and Wyskiel will be flying out on July 11 and will be in Sydney, Australia two days later. They will be spending the next



Photo by Susan Warrington

Megan Wyskiel (left) and Marie Miller are anxiously awaiting summer when they will spend two weeks in Australia.

two weeks in a variety of locations, including Ayers Rock, and have a chance to experience life in one or two host family homes. The girls are excited about the trip but still have quite a bit of money to raise. Each girl must raise \$5,200 to pay for their trip.

They both have been busy all year but will need to hold a few

fundraisers in the spring.

Marie is the daughter of Therese Toutant. Megan is the daughter of Karen and Eric Wyskiel.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower started the People to People program in 1956. He felt the tensions of the world could be reduced by ordinary citizens who, through personal exchanges and individual, firsthand experiences of other cultures, would have fewer misunderstandings and misperceptions of other nations. He felt that while we are all very different, our values, goals and day-to-day issues are the same.

The program first sent adults abroad but got young people involved because they will be the leaders of the future. In 1963, the first delegation of students was sent to other nations.

For more information on the program visit www.studentambassadors.org.

DNR seeks input on proposed gas well site

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is soliciting input regarding the possible reclassification of a parcel of land just east of the Mason Tract. Savoy Energy of Traverse City has requested the change.

After the concern raised last year over the possibility of drilling a gas well close to the eastern edge of the Mason Tract and the Mason Chapel, three possible alternate sites were selected. The site furthest from the river, the chapel and the Mason Tract is the one that requires reclassification.

According to sources at the DNR, the land was not classified as nondevelopmental for any environmental reasons only because it was close to the Mason Tract. They also said that if this site is not reclassified either the original site or one of the other two less desirable alternative site will be selected for the wellhead site.

The possible reclassification to development with restrictions is the reason for seeking input. Written input will be accepted through April 5.

Although there will not be a specific public hearing, anyone wishing to comment on the reclassification will have an opportunity at the Natural Resources Commission meeting to be held at the Conference Center at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac on May 6. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. and the public comment portion of the meeting begins at 4:30 p.m.

Those who sign up before the meeting will have five minutes to speak. Those who come to the meeting without signing up before hand will be given three minutes to make their comments. To sign up before the meeting call Teresa Gloden at (517) 373-2352 or email her a gloden@michigan.gov.

The decision is expected to be made by the DNR director on May 7.

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document.
• A provision for existing signs: "All signs, which are not in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance on its effective date, may be continued" unless they are removed, reconstructed, or relocated.
• Permitted signs for R-1 (single family), R-2 (multiple family), C-1 (downtown commercial), C-2 (professional office), C-3 (highway commercial), and I (industrial) districts and rules for off-premises signs;
• Prohibited signs, exceptions, rules for permits and permit fees, penalties, and appeals.

Grayling. His previous convictions include three for possession of cocaine, two for home invasion, and probation violations.

Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy sentenced Jacobs to 9 months in jail, with credit for 220 days served and ordered him to pay \$770 in fines, court costs and restitution. Jacobs was facing up to 15 years in prison under his Habitual Offender status.

Correction

In a Viewpoint column published on Page 4A in the March 11, 2004 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, it was stated that candidates for Township offices in the August 3 Primary Election must collect at least six signatures or a maximum of 20 on nominating petitions to be filed with the Township Clerk.

Based on population standards, candidates for these elected positions need only collect three signatures or a maximum of 10 to qualify to appear on the August primary ballot.

We apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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Vet helps animal shelter save lives

Elmira veterinarian Donna Simons has always been supportive of the work of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., providing low-cost veterinary care and sage advice over many years to help hundreds of homeless dogs and cats.

Earlier this year, Dr. Simons went the extra mile and helped save perhaps thousands of lives by providing veterinary services in a low-cost spay/neuter program designed by Shelter Vice President Dixie Lobsinger.

"One of our biggest problems at the shelter since its beginning has been the overwhelming number of unwanted cats and kittens," said Lobsinger. "Many unwanted cats have been euthanized over the years because cat owners were not having their pets altered."

With the help of a grant from WalMart and its Very Best Pet Network, Dr. Simons and Lobsinger worked out a deal to get as many cats in our community altered as possible. A total of 194 cats received the surgery,

preventing the births of about 1,000 cats in our community this year alone."

The \$1,000 grant was initially offered to shelters and humane societies to promote pet adoptions.

With the help of grant writer Cindy Timmons of Fund Finders of Grayling, Lobsinger made a plea to help through a low-cost spay/neuter program and the grant selection committee obliged.

Lobsinger devised a co-pay program that allowed several local cat owners to pay for part of the surgery they would otherwise not be able to afford. "This program could not have been successful without Dr. Simons' gift of time and skills."

For many years, Simons has also helped Crawford County residents by coordinating two low-cost immunization clinics each year at Hawk Hill Farm in Beaver Creek Township. The clinics help ensure many local pets are vaccinated and licensed each year.



Photo courtesy of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc.

The Animal Shelter's Board of Directors recently recognized Dr. Donna Simons DVM (left) and her years of dedicated service by presenting her with a commemorative plaque. Shelter Manager and Vice President Dixie Lobsinger (right) made the presentation at Simons' office in Elmira.

Join fun of Cub Scouts' annual Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 3993 will host its annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 27 and the public is welcome to come and cheer on the scouts, or even build their own racer and enter the Open Class competition.

The Derby will be held in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. Beginning at 9 a.m., weigh-ins will be held an hour before each group's race time. Race times are: Webelos 2 - 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Webelos 1 - 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Bears - 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Wolves - 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Tigers - 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Judging of the cars for ribbon awards, such as Best Looking Car, will take place from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by the Championship Race (top three winners from each race) to be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The event ends with the Open Class race where members of all groups can race their cars against those built by people in the community. Pinewood Derby car kits are available at Goodale's Bakery, on Norway Street in Grayling for just under \$4 each. Kits include official rules and race car specifications.

Wolf Pack Leader Brad

Summers urges everyone who plans to race in the Open Class to get busy because there is not much time left to prepare a car for the March 27 event. Summers can also provide the rules and specifications for those who need them. He can be reached weekdays at 348-9755.

Upon arrival race day, racers must sign in (scouts must be in uniform); get a complimentary photo taken with their car (additional photos may be purchased for a small fee); weigh vehicle and make repairs, if necessary; and cars belonging to scouts must be impounded at least 30

minutes before his race time.

Scouts are cautioned that removal of their car from the impound area for any reason will disqualify that car from competition.

Trophies and awards will be issued at the conclusion of each den's race.

Scout racers, no matter what place they finished in at the Grayling Derby, may wish to compete at the Pinewood Districts at Hale Elementary School on April 4. Entry fee for Districts is \$7 per car. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.; races begin at 1:30 p.m.

New member of housing agency brings years of experience

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After several pleas for a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Crawford County Housing Commission, the County Board of Commissioners appointed a citizen from outside the county.

Bear Lake Township (Kalkaska County) resident, Laura Purtill was appointed to serve on the Housing Commission in January. A review of state law revealed appointees to the commission need not live within the county boundaries.

Purtill comes to the Housing Commission with 25 years of experience as a state employee working for MSHDA (Michigan

State Housing Development Authority) and seven years working for the Alpena branch of the Family Independence Agency.

"There is a real need for good, quality housing in northern Michigan," Purtill said. "The Housing Commission Board is looking for more grants to improve the existing housing stock in Crawford County."

The Housing Commission also has available to those who qualify emergency funding for furnace and roof repairs, as well as no-interest and low-interest loan programs that help with energy saving upgrades for replacement of roofs, furnaces and windows.

Purtill said she decided to apply for the housing board posi-

tion because there were no opportunities in her own county and she pretty much feels a connection to Crawford County from her years of working here.

Over the years, she has become very active in a number of civic organizations, including the Grayling Promotional Association, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, and is currently a board member of the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. Purtill has also served as a volunteer at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

Purtill said it is quite a compliment to local government that Crawford County residents are served by three agencies that pro-

vide housing services and programs. Besides the Crawford County Housing Commission, the City of Grayling has its own Housing Commission and the MSHDA Section 8 housing office also works in the area. Purtill said Kalkaska County has no housing commission.

Purtill's term will expire in 2007. She is fulfilling the unfinished term of Sue Somero who resigned due to family obligations in September 2003.

For information on Housing Commission programs and services, call 348-3513 or drop by the office on Huron Street.

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Legion's gift brings warmth to newborns

Newborns at Mercy Hospital Grayling will soon be bathed in comforting warmth, thanks to a generous gift from American Legion 10th District.

The Veterans group recently presented a check for \$2,800 to hospital officials to help with the purchase of an additional birthing room warmer, which will help equip one of the hospital's four modern, private Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Procedure (LDRP) Rooms. The creation of these new LDRP rooms is part of the Obstetrics renovations scheduled for 2004-05 at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"Monitoring and regulating a newborn's temperature is very important," explained Director of Obstetrics Nancy Wheaton. "This generous gift from the American Legion will enable us to do that more efficiently. We're very grateful for this donation and recognize the effort that went into providing it."

The Legionnaires raised the money through the "Tabs for Tots" program, a recycling effort in which American Legion members collect aluminum can tabs that are then sold to recyclers. Can tabs are patiently collected, one by one.

For nearly 15 years "Tabs for Tots" has been raising money to support pediatric programs across the nation. This was the first time that Mercy Hospital Grayling has received proceeds from the program.

Tenth District Commander Thomas Brown presented the check to Vice President of Patient Care Services Kathryn Zelinsky and Director of Obstetrics Nancy Wheaton. Also at the ceremony were Grayling Post 106 Commander Ron Baker and Henry Alton, Service Officer from Oscoda Post 349.

The American Legion members were given a tour of the Obstetrics unit by Nancy Wheaton prior to the presentation ceremony.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Thoughts on the Month of Green

IT'S MARCH, and thoughts here in Michigan begin turning from gray to green.

Green as in grass, trees, green fields. Green as in the greens of spring that finally arrives after so many long cold months of slate gray and white.

One of the things we love about our great state is the change of seasons that come four times each year. That's why we stay here, isn't it?

One of the first steps in us greening out of winter has long occurred each February 2, when the famous Punxsutawney Phil, the Groundhog, pokes his head out of his cozy burrow and predicts whether we will have another six weeks of winter or not.

We put stock in this prediction each year -- in much the same way so many follow the predictions of the Farmer's Almanac each year, or play those special lotto numbers -- and plan our lives according to the direction set for us by this rodent from Pennsylvania.

But a challenger has emerged in the winter predicting field. Woody the Woodchuck, a Michigan native currently

burrowing in the Owosso area, has called nine of the last 11 Ground Hog's Day predictions right on the snout.

This year, as in several past years, Woody has disagreed with the phamous Phil's prediction. This year, Woody has called for an early Spring.

And as the greening of Michigan begins outside, it appears as though Woody is the winner. She has called it right again, making her 10 for 12. Not bad -- for a rodent.

I profess to be no expert. I didn't know that groundhogs and woodchucks were from the same family tree, or if they even are in the rodent family. I'm just glad one of them is smart enough to get us into the greening of spring. And it's probably spelled Woody.

AROUND THIS TIME of year, we also begin thinking green -- the color of money. Tax day nears.

Many of us bank annually on a big green refund check from our friends in the federal government. And when that check comes, it's a great day, isn't it?

Remember, getting that big refund

simply means that you have been overpaying the government all year long. Our friends in Washington have had our money. We sent them too much! It's money we earned and could have invested ourselves. But we overpaid the government so they could -- hopefully -- give it back to us when our true taxes are calculated -- with no interest of course.

That's one green item I don't understand. Granted, each year, if I have a refund coming, it's a great day. Consider the alternative.

But there are many things I would rather do with my money besides giving it to politicians to hold on to for me until I need it back.

Couldn't you think of a few, too?

GREEN THIS TIME of year is for the Spartans of Michigan State.

The men's basketball team is alive and still playing for the chance for a national title. Slim chances, true, but still going to the big dance. The erratic Spartans have been a fun team to watch this year, Forrest Gump-like in you never know what you are going to get.

Dangerous is a good word to describe this year's Spartan team as they open their NCAA tournament play in Washington this weekend.

The women's team is on a roll, also. Look up and down their roster and you will find a wealth of state-grown basketball talent. It's a program on the grow, not just a good team this year. A first round NCAA game awaits the lady Spartans in Texas this weekend.

And let's not forget the MSU Spartan hockey team. Still alive and well in the CCHA playoffs, fresh off a two-win weekend over Ferris State. The Spartans have been up and down over the past two years as they adjust to a new coach and a new system. But fans can see the light in their play as the team fights for an NCAA hockey bid.

Ah, it's great to be a green Spartan fan this time of year.

AND LET'S NOT forget the greenest of them all -- March 17 -- St. Patrick's Day. It's the one day each year when we are all Irish.

But if you believe what you hear in the

radio -- as opposed to knowing it's true because you read it here in the newspaper -- maybe we shouldn't add St. Patty's Day to the list of springtime green.

The radio says that the official color of Ireland isn't green. Or white or orange, like the flag. The official color is blue. The official symbol for the country is a harp, not a shamrock, as some of us once-a-year-Irish would likely believe. And to top it off, St. Patrick was born in Wales.

So this Wednesday as you celebrate the feast of the harp carrying Welshman dressed in blue...

Never mind. It was just a radio report. Have a great green St. Patrick's Day and go green!

Richard Milliman is vacationing and promises to return to his weekly Almanack writing in the near future. His space this week is being filled by Dirk Milliman, president of Milliman Communications Inc.

VIEWPOINT

by State Senator Bev Hammerstrom (R-17th District)

Election consolidation myths dispelled

Last year, the Michigan Legislature passed a package of bills commonly referred to as the Election Consolidation bills and the Governor signed them into law. In short, what these bills do is limit the maximum number of election days that can be held each year and specifically limit those days to four dates in February, May, August and November.

There is, however, provision for a "floater" or 5th date by the schools. The bills also require that all elections be governed by the Michigan Election Code.

Unfortunately, there has been a great deal of misinformation being offered by those who oppose the bills, mainly school administrators and a few clerks who have bought into the school's arguments. Some have even gone so far as suggest the legislature "did not do its homework" before passing the bills. Nothing could be further from the truth.

This package of bills had been a work-in-progress for more than 11 years before passage. During that time, four legislators who were former clerks (including myself) actively worked on the bills, and from the very beginning clerks' associations as well as other entities interested in the election process have been at the table.

When the process began with a work group of all parties who had an issue in elections and ballot questions, there were many

obstacles that needed to be overcome. Over the years, several of those hurdles were overcome by advances in technology, more specifically the Qualified Voter File and optical scan voting equipment.

Another significant event which made the final passage more feasible was the enactment of Proposal A which reduced the dependency upon millage elections to fund school operating expenses. The "floater" provision finally brought the Michigan Education Association on board.

But the myths and misconceptions continue to circulate, and I'd like to set the record straight as someone who has been involved in the process since day one and also someone who has actually read the bills in their entirety.

Myth #1: Consolidation will never work because school districts cross too many voting jurisdictions.

Truth: Clerks will have the opportunity to redraw precinct lines, taking into consideration school district boundaries. While it is true that some may need to utilize "split" precincts for some elections, many clerks must run split precincts today.

By utilizing the Qualified Voter File, properly trained clerks will be able to do this with little difficulty. Clerks also have the ability to determine where each precinct votes, creating more options for clerks to combine precincts in such a way that

will not increase cost or confusion to the voters.

Myth #2: Costs will go up because more precincts will be required to run school elections.

Truth: As mentioned above, clerks will have the ability to consolidate and draw lines in such a way to minimize any increases. Schools also will pay for full election costs only if they are the only item on the ballot. By combining elections with other regularly-scheduled elections such as the August Primary or November General, schools would only be charged proportionately. Schools actually have an opportunity to greatly reduce the cost they are currently incurring by running their own elections.

Myth #3: Bills limit the ability of access to the bond market.

Truth: We actually had bond counsel at the table during the work groups and changed the initial proposal of three dates per year at their request to accommodate the bond market. Notice requirements and required preparation under the Election Law make it impossible to hold bond elections more often than every quarter. Also, passage of a millage does not force one to go to the market immediately.

Myth #4: Small township clerks do not want to be "forced" to run school elections.

Truth: There is an opt-out provision in the bills; the County Clerk is ultimately responsible. I offer a word of caution here, one that is also supported by the Michigan Townships Association. Clerks, who abdicate their responsibility under this opt-out provision, risk the danger of adding fuel to the arguments for those who want to abolish township government. Your association hopes you will

participate in the process.

Myth #5: The bills eliminate skilled school election coordinators statewide and disenfranchise school election workers.

Truth: Many school districts already contract with the local clerks to run elections, and most of the election workers in school elections also work in local elections. While the Secretary of the School Board has technically been the school election coordinator, in many cases a secretary in the school office actually does the work with little or no formal training in election procedures and law.

The arguments against these bills in many cases are merely smoke screens by school administrators who, rightfully so, object to losing the control they have had in running their elections and by clerks who either object to the additional workload or do not have a clear understanding of how to implement the new process.

The State Elections Department will provide assistance in the latter, but in many cases clerks have already risen to the occasion and I am sure they, as well as the Clerks Association, will be willing to assist their colleagues if asked.

Let's remember the intent behind the bills was to eliminate some of the confusion and obstacles that have been cited as reasons for low voter participation.

While the bills cannot guarantee higher voter turnout, it is hoped that increases will occur. Voters leaving the state for extended periods of time will now know when to request absentee ballots, and voters will become more aware of when elections occur because there will be consistency.

EDITOR

Support your local theater

To the editor,

I am so impressed with the quality of movies here at our local Rialto Theatre, that I just had to write this letter and say, "Wow! The Stancils are doing such a great job of providing good movies at a reasonable price to our community."

Now the 4th generation of Stancils is keeping a movie theater going that we, as a community, can be proud of.

I've been in small communities where the theater and the movies shown were terrible, or there was no theater at all. It makes me sad to see our own local theater so empty on a variety of nights when I have been there.

What a precious theater we have here -- but I fear it will be

gone if we don't give it more support. And, it's not hard to support.

The prices are great (\$6 for adults, \$4 for children under 12) and on Wednesday prices are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. There is one showing every night of the week and two showings on the weekend.

Did I mention they have the greatest popcorn anywhere? Mmmmmmm.

You've heard the expression, "Shop Grayling First." All I'm saying is you can't go wrong with the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Great movies -- great prices -- great popcorn -- great people.

See you at the movies!

Lorna Morse
Grayling

Are we dumb Americans?

To the editor,

How dumb are we?

We tolerate the extremely high price of gasoline. The reason gasoline prices are so high is because dumb Americans are willing to pay the high price.

Gasoline prices are so high because the greedy oil industry wants more and the public will pay.

If we would stop buying gasoline for two weeks, then the supply would go back up so much that the oil industry would not know what to do with all of their gasoline.

The oil tankers couldn't unload, the ships would back up on the ocean and they couldn't load more ships, etc.

A stoppage of gasoline purchases would put pressure on a variety of other industries such as the lodging and restaurant businesses and they, in turn, would put pressure on the oil industry.

Be a smart American and don't buy gasoline unless it is absolutely necessary, and only then. Don't drive, stay home.

George A. Kozlowski
Roscommon

Are we going to get 'kissed' with increased taxes again?

To the editor,

A while ago, the State of Michigan raised our sales tax two cents per dollar so that our property taxes could be lowered.

Now I saw on television the state Congress (approving) raising property taxes.

I realize the Democrats always raise taxes. (I don't blame them,

it's in their nature.) My question is, will the State of Michigan rescind the two-cents per dollar sales tax, or are the citizens of Crawford County going to find themselves "kissed" again?

Richard D. L. Bulley
Grayling

P.S. Why isn't the Lotto saving our schools as they promised?

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will be published in the following week's issue.

Without the author's name, telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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BRIEFS

4-H Horsin' Around Club to meet

The Crawford County 4-H's club, Creative Kids Horsin' Around will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library on Saturday, March 20, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Children will work on a horse-themed craft and a snack will be provided. For more information about this activity, call Sharon Whitcher at 344-4203 or on Mondays at 344-4221.

Preschool raising funds for building

The Grayling Co-Op Preschool's annual letter campaign is under way to raise funds for the projected renovation/construction of the school. The building is more than 35 years old and has survived relocation. It is now in need of expansion and updating. Contact Ann Malm at 348-3219, Cathy Hilbrecht at 348-4381, or call the Co-Op Preschool at 344-3676 to contribute to the building fund.

Maple Syrup Day is this Saturday

Hartwick Pines State Park will host Maple Syrup Day this Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about North America's oldest agricultural product — maple syrup. Help tap a maple tree; taste maple sap and the finished maple syrup. Special activities will be available for children. There is no charge for the program, however, a motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Hartwick Pines State Park is located two miles east of I-75 exit 259, six miles northeast of Grayling.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in the Back Doctor's Dining Room at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. (Ostomates are people who have undergone ostomy surgery because of disease, injury or birth defects to over 100,000 people in the United States each year. A stoma, or opening, is created on the abdominal wall, usually with the intestine, for the elimination of body wastes with a collecting device worn in most cases. As a support group, the Straits Area Ostomy Association's prime concern is to aid patients and their families in the return to normal living following surgery.) All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. Call (989) 821-5721 for more information.

Funds available for Little League players

Youth Recreation Assistance Funds are available at the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau to provide financial assistance to school aged Crawford County residents who meet TANF eligibility requirements and wish to participate in academic, athletic or cultural activities. Qualified youth receive an annual account in the amount of \$100 that can be used to offset the cost of fees that are required in order to take part in approved activities, such as Little League baseball and softball. The funding is made possible through an annual grant from the Crawford County Family Coordinating Council. For more information, call Doug or Melissa at 344-3262.

Teens for Christ coming to Grayling

The Teens for Christ will present a dramatic musical called "Word on the Street" at the Grayling Free Methodist Church, 6352 M72 West (across from the Comfort Center) in Grayling on Sunday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. Pastor Joseph Carpenter said, "Each time the Teens for Christ are with us, they have expressed God's love to the audience as only they can."

Eastern Orthodox pastor to visit

Father Irenaeus Cox, from Saint Demetrios Orthodox Church in Saginaw, will make a pastoral visit to Traverse City on Saturday, March 20 to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, located at 341 Washington Street, across from the courthouse. A social gathering and light lunch will follow. All are invited to attend the service. For more information, call (231) 932-6868.

Women bowlers to hold spring meeting

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association will be holding its spring meeting on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on James Street (I-75 Business Loop) in Grayling.

Students invited to enter film festival, contest

Suttons Bay Schools' Friends of Fine Arts and Animation Club is now accepting entries for the first annual Suttons Bay (International) Film Festival for children.

Films and videos made by students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade throughout northern Michigan and beyond are eligible to enter. Entries must be postmarked by April 10, 2004.

According to one of the organizers, Ken Scott, "The goal of the festival is to showcase the talent of students and give them a chance to see their creations on the big screen in front of an audience."

Up to three entries may be submitted; however, only one will be eligible for a cash award. Submissions will be grouped into three categories: Elementary (grades K-5), Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12).

All entries that include a self-addressed stamped envelope will receive creative feedback about their project from the jury of media professionals, adults and students.

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Tickets now on sale for 'Harvey'

The Kirtland Community College Theatre Arts Department announced tickets are now on sale for the spring production of "Harvey."

The comedy, by Mary Chase, is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

The story begins when Elwood P. Dowd starts to introduce his imaginary friend, Harvey, a six and a half foot rabbit, to guests at a society party. His sister, Veta, decides she has seen as much of her brother's eccentric behavior as she can tolerate. She decides to have him committed to a sanitarium to spare her daughter, Myrtle Mae, and their family from future embarrassment.

Problems arise, however, when Veta herself is mistakenly assumed to be on the verge of lunacy.

The Theatre Arts Department invites everyone to come out and enjoy the fun and laughs of this production. Performance dates will be Friday and Saturday, April 2-3, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts at the college in Roscommon.

Seating is general admission and ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. Reserve tickets by calling (989) 275-5000 ext. 375.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Public meeting on bovine TB in Grayling, March 18

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) animal health officials will host a series of informational meetings this week for livestock producers across the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula, including one in Grayling, to provide an update on bovine tuberculosis (TB) efforts and discuss "split state status."

MDA Director Dan Wyant explained that Michigan has applied for a split state status designation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which would split the state into two TB classification zones and ultimately recognize most of Michigan as free from TB.

Testing and surveillance results to date have shown no disease in livestock outside of an

area in the northern Lower Peninsula.

Additionally, such a designation will allow the state to further hone and enhance its eradication efforts in the affected area.

"Achieving split state status has been a long-term goal that is an important step toward eradicating bovine TB from the state," Wyant said. "We encourage all producers to attend one of the meetings so we can share the latest information as well as get their feedback."

In Grayling, a public information meeting will be held in the Oak Room of the Holiday Inn at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 18.

For more information, contact MDA's Animal Industry Division at (517) 373-1077.

Arab exchange students to bring a voice from the Middle East

Four Arab exchange students will visit Grayling on March 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., to talk about their lives in a presentation at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in Grayling.

Two girls, Syrian Rahaf Zakaria and Palestinian Hadeel Daloul, and two boys, Palestinian Thaer Al-Madhoun and Yemeni Mohammed Al-Makhafi, will discuss their lives, families, schools and hopes for the future. Al-Makhafi is currently studying at Traverse City West High School and the other three are studying at high schools in the Grand Rapids area.

All four young people are Muslims. Since their arrival in the U.S., they have participated in some Christian youth groups and other activities.

The students are in the United States through a State Department grant to foster cultural exchange and understanding. Their visit to Grayling is being coordinated by the Crawford County Peacekeepers, who will also prepare dishes for a sampler buffet of Middle Eastern foods to be shared prior to the presentation.

Much of the buffet foods will be provided through the outreach of the Arab-American Association of Western Michigan. Visitors will be able to sample baklava pastry, grilled chicken wings, and savory cab-

bage rolls, along with a variety of herbed rice, vegetable and meat combinations.

"This is an unusual opportunity for local folks to talk firsthand with Muslims," said PeaceSeekers spokesperson Cathy Lester. "When so much has been written and said in recent years about Islam and Middle Eastern society, it is hoped that a good number will take the opportunity for an open dialogue which may bring insights to both sides."

The event is free and the public is welcome. The library is located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling.

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For better health, think positively



By Ernie Harwell

Great athletes seem to have one thing in common, regardless the sport. They say that when they're "in the zone," playing becomes easy for them. They'll also tell you that they approach the game with a positive attitude, expecting to win.

After traveling all across this country and meeting thousands of people, I've noticed that the healthy people I meet seem to have something in common, as well. They have a way of "seeing the good side" and finding the opportunities in a situation rather than focusing on the bad. And that positive attitude seems to translate to good physical and mental health.

With that in mind, it's worth considering what we can do to develop and maintain a positive outlook on life, so that our health can flourish.

Here are five tips for thinking more positively in your daily life:

- * Stop negative talk.
- * Look for the hidden opportunities in problems.
- * Visualize positive outcomes to the challenges in your life - expect the best.
- * Stop feeling guilty about things that "didn't end up right."
- * Laugh every chance you get, especially at yourself.

If you incorporate these simple tips into your life, you'll have a more positive outlook, be healthier and perhaps gain a whole new perspective on what's possible.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss LuLu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.



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The Bible Speaks

Who Killed Jesus

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is one of the most traumatic controversies in the history of the world. To religious liberals who deny the deity of Jesus Christ as God incarnate, Jesus Christ died a failure because He was to them just a brilliant human leader ahead of his times. To the religious leaders of Israel, Jesus died as a blasphemer because He claimed to be God. To Muslim leaders Jesus was only a prophet, and Biblical claims of His death, burial, and resurrection are a religious hoax.

Did the Jews kill Jesus? In a technical sense, No! The Jewish government had no authority to carry out capital punishment. That right was reserved for the government of the Roman Empire which ruled the world at that time. In fact, Pilate believed Jesus was innocent, and washed his hands of the blood of Jesus. (John 19:6) "When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him." The actual act of crucifixion was carried out by Roman Soldiers. But even they were not held accountable for his death. Jesus prayed from the cross in Luke 23:34: "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted with their raiment, and cast lots." So who is really responsible for crucifying Jesus Christ? In reality, Jesus was crucified in ignorance according to 1 Cor. 2:7,8: "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the

Lord of glory."

In the eternal plan of God, Jesus Christ died as God's eternal sacrifice of His Son for our sins. According to Rev. 13:8 Jesus was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. This truth is revealed in Acts 2:23: "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." The crucifixion of Jesus Christ was according to God's determined counsel and foreknowledge, yet this did not remove the human responsibility for the wicked act. Jesus Christ said in John 10:18 that no one could kill Him, but rather He died willing for us. "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." According to Rev 1:5, He "loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

But some would object and say they do not believe Jesus Christ died for their sins. This may be shockingly true. Jesus told unbelievers in John 8:24: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." Those who reject the death of Jesus Christ as their substitute for their sins will spend eternity in Hell paying for their own sins. There is only one cardinal sin which can never be forgiven at death, the sin of unbelief in Jesus Christ. Unbelief is listed in Rev. 21:8 as a sin which will send people to a burning lake of fire forever.

In reality, I killed Jesus Christ. My sins nailed Him to the cross. He died on the cross for me. That is why I trusted Him as my God and Savior. The question is, did you kill Jesus

Christ? Did your sins also place Him upon that cross? If you answer no! Then you count the finished work of the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ as of no benefit to you.

As Paul said in 1 Cor 15:3,4: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." As Isaiah prophesied in Isa 53:5,6: "But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Peter reminded us in 1 Peter 2:24 that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross was a very personal thing: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Are you trusting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior who died for you? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Mikenauk Spring Concert date rescheduled

For the second time in as many weeks, The Mikenauk Chorale has been forced to change the date of its Spring Concert because of scheduling conflicts with other events.

The new date for Chorale's Spring Concert is Sunday, May 9, at 7 p.m. (Mother's Day) at Roscommon High School at 10600 Oakwood Road in Roscommon.

The event is being billed as a "Homecoming Concert" in honor of the group's return home to Roscommon following its appearance at Carnegie Hall in New York on May 2.

Tickets for the May 9 Concert are \$4 per person and will be available for purchase beginning Tuesday, April 13 at the Higgins

Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce in Roscommon, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce in Grayling, Houghton Lake Chamber of Commerce in Houghton Lake and at Bank One of St. Helen. Tickets are also available from members of the Mikenauk Chorale.

Mikenauk Director Doug Armstead said the Spring Concert performance includes selections by such composers as Gastoldi, Petker, and Thomas. A highlight of the concert will be selected movements from the very commanding "Mass in C Major" by Ludwig van Beethoven, featuring soloists Tammy Chmielewski, Candace Peterson, Bill Winter and Brent

Church. Chorale President June Karjalainen said the concert will once again provide the setting for the awarding of \$1,000 in scholarships.

The Mikenauk Chorale is a non-profit organization. Proceeds from its concerts go to provide music scholarships or to help area youth music programs.

Anyone who wishes more information, or who is interested in joining the Chorale, should contact Doug Armstead, (989) 821-3775 or President June Karjalainen, (989) 275-4287. The Chorale is now associated with Kirtland Community College, and members may receive college credits for their participation.

New Christian news/talk station now on the air

WLJW (We're Lifting Jesus' Word) at 1370 on the AM radio spectrum, signed on Monday, March 15 at 7:30 a.m., simulcasting the Christian news/talk programming also featured on WLJN-AM 1400 in Traverse City.

The new WLJW signal reaches a variety of northern Michigan communities, including Grayling, Cadillac, Kalkaska, Lake City, Harrison, Houghton Lake, Mesick and Traverse City.

Such programs as "Focus on the Family" hosted by Dr. James Dobson, "Janet Parshall's America" a nationally syndicated program from Washington, D.C. and "Jay Sekulow Live" featuring

the Chief Counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, will be broadcast on WLJW.

The new radio station call letters (WLJW) and programming resulted when the AM radio frequency for Cadillac station WKJF, along with three 205-foot towers transmission equipment and transmitter building were donated by Ross Biederman's Midwestern Broadcasting Company to Good News Media, Inc. (www.wljn.com) earlier this year.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted final assignment of the license of WKJF-AM 1370 to Good News

Media, Inc., parent company of WLJN (1400 AM and 89.9 FM) in Traverse City on February 23. Good News Media, Inc. is purchasing the property on which the radio towers and transmitter building reside.

The former WKJF signal went silent Friday evening, March 5, following the closing on the purchase of the property earlier in the day at the Traverse City law firm of Smith, Haughey, Rice and Roegge.

Brian Harcey, Manager of Good News Media, Inc., said that "the week long shut down will permit us to complete needed equipment repairs and maintenance and it also allows for a format change separation that is best for both parties and the public. Adding the WKJF signal will now bring our Christian news and talk radio format to tens of thousands of potential new listeners in Wexford, Kalkaska and Missaukee counties, among others."

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ups and downs and our differences in opinions but nothing that we can't discuss and try to work out, knowing there is only so much to go around. I thank you for your support.

Now I must humbly ask for your support in my efforts to continue to serve you as your Sheriff for a full four year term. It will be a very difficult task for law enforcement in our community over the next few years. I am ready and willing to continue serving you the very best I can with what you give us and with what I can acquire to continue

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Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Sunday School 9-15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Community of Christ
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Sunday High Adult Youth Children (Wed) 7 pm

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn May Winistorf

July 11, 1914 - Mar. 15, 2004
Evelyn May Winistorf, 89, of Grayling, formerly of Sand Lake, died at Mercy Hospital Grayling March 15, 2004.

Evelyn was born in Saginaw July 11, 1914 to Frederick William and Emma Elizabeth (Passet) Vollmer. She married Herbert Nugent who preceded her in death. She was then remarried to Mr. William Edgar Winistorf on September 29, 1986.

She retired from Bear Archery.

She is survived by two sons: Duane "Bob" (Marilyn) Cassidy of Frederic and Richard (Kathy) Nugent of Bay City, three sisters and two brothers, 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Georgia Edie of Stillwater, OK and Nancy Brondstetter of Pinconning; one stepson William F. (Ida) Winistorf, of Burt.

Mrs. Winistorf was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Herbert Nugent, and her second husband William Winistorf on June 20, 2003.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 19 at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home with Elder Ann Doty and Elder Lacey Stephan Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery in National City.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Terry Lee Diemert

July 27, 1947 - Mar. 12, 2004
Terry Lee Diemert, 56, of Grayling, died at home March 12, 2004.

Terry was born in Grayling, July 27, 1947, to Paul Xavier and Isabelle Marie (West) Diemert. He married the former Julia Doby on July 19, 1986 in Lovells.

Mr. Diemert moved back to Grayling, from Roscommon, in 1984. He was a truck driver for Jack Millikin Inc.

He was a member of the Grayling Eagles and the Grayling Moose Lodge.

He enjoyed camping and trail riding. He was also an avid NASCAR racing fan.

He is survived by his wife Julia; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth (Jeff) Hoyt of Grayling and Michelle Palmer of Grayling; four stepsons, Terry Press, Richard Press of Grayling, Robert (Lori) Press of Higgins Lake and Delbert Case of Grayling; 16 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; one brother, Frank (Cher) Diemert; three nephews and one niece.

Mr. Diemert was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Paul Diemert.

A memorial service will be held at the Gray Rock Cafe, 2123 Industrial Street in Grayling at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 20.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Donald Walter Chyba

Feb. 16, 1932 - Mar. 10, 2004
Donald Walter Chyba, age 72 of Grayling, died at Mercy Manor on March 10, 2004.

Mr. Chyba was born in Detroit, February 16, 1932, to Robert Arthur and Mary (Jakubowski) Chyba. He married the former Oma Jean Gore on November 21, 1953 in Angola, Indiana.

Mr. Chyba worked as a trim department assembler for the auto industry. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife Jean; daughter Cheryl Martin of Clarkston; two sons: Donald Douglas (Mary) Chyba of Waterford and Stephen (Pamela) Chyba of Attica; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at Sorenson Funeral Home on March 12, 2004 with Pastor Lyle Studer officiating. Military Rites were accorded him by the American Legion Post #106, Grayling.

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Joseph William Zimmerman Sr.

Dec. 24, 1928 - March 8, 2004
Joseph William Zimmerman Sr., age 75, Big Creek Township, Luzerne, died at AuSable Valley Community Manor in Fairview on March 8, 2004.

Mr. Zimmerman was born on December 24, 1928, to Eli M. and Emma (Wieland) Zimmerman in Whiting, IN. He married the former Shirley Barcia on June 26, 1950 in Bay City.

Mr. Zimmerman was a union carpenter who worked on industrial construction. He served in the U.S. Navy during the 1940's.

He was a member of the Roscommon VFW #4159, the Luzerne American Legion Post #162, the Mio Moose Lodge #1035 and the Michigan Carpenters Union Local #706.

He is survived by his daughter April (Philip) Weiler of Roscommon; son Clarence "Kayo" (Marie) Zimmerman of Bay City; daughter-in-law Teresa Zimmerman-Bolick of Middleburg, FL; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; five sisters, two brothers and a very special friend Carolyn Kourt.

Mr. Zimmerman was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Shirley, son Joseph Jr., infant daughter Alice, three sisters and one brother.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

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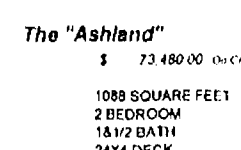
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The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, March 18 - Spaghetti & meatballs/Meatloaf; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Craft Class 11 - noon; B.P.'s taken; Uno Attack 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 19 - Chicken & dumplings/no dinner; Lovells Satellite 12:00 p.m.; Stagette Club 1 p.m.; Pantry Bingo 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 21 - Pancake Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday, March 22 - Breaded Fish/Italian Round Steak;

Aerobics 10 a.m.; Stag Club noon; Bridge Club 1 p.m.; Hangman 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23 - Liver & Onions/Roast Chicken with Stuffing; Tenant Council Meeting 10 a.m.; Bible Study 10 a.m.; Income Tax Service 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; movie 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24 - Roast Beef/Connecticut Ham; Exercise & Line Dance 10:00 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Medicine Shoppe Bingo 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - salad bar; Mondays and Wednesdays - soup bar.

All Crawford County senior citizens and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Senior Center in Grayling.

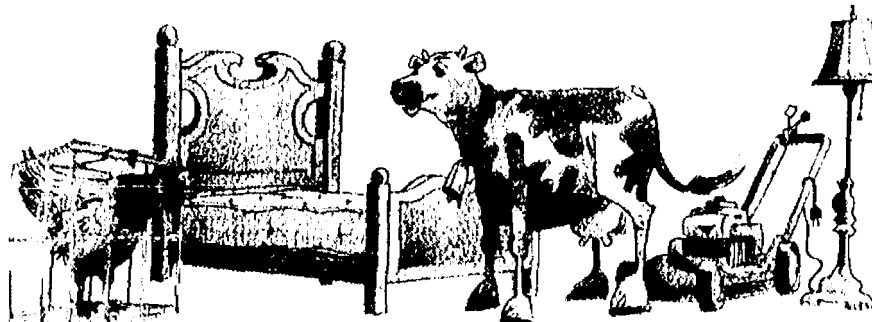
Card of Thanks

A special thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and every one of you who called, prayed, visited and sent flowers during my recent hospitalization. I would especially like to thank Dr. Kuriakose and the entire GMH staff, in particular those in ER, CCU and 2 North. Your thoughtfulness was so very appreciated. P.S. Brenda, thanks for the ride!

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Lawmakers, educators to discuss 'Civic Good of Higher Education'

A panel of state legislators led by Rep. Doug Hart and educators will gather at Kirtland Community College on March 19 for a public discussion on how Michigan colleges and universities can better serve their communities.

Hart, a Republican from the 73rd District, is the vice chair of the House of Representatives' Higher Education Committee.

His panel includes: John Burkhardt, director of the National Forum on Higher Education and Public Good, based in Ann Arbor; Kyle Caldwell, executive director of the Michigan Community Service Commission, in Lansing; State Sen. Deborah Cherry (D-

26th District); State Rep. Dave Farhat (R-91st District); Dr. Samuel Kirkpatrick, president of Eastern Michigan University; State Rep. Chris Kolb (D-53rd District); and Amy Smither, executive director of the Michigan Campus Compact, based in Lansing.

Kirtland is one of six stops on the panel's tour around the state to play host to the panel, investigating "Civic Good of Higher Education." Its hearing will be at the Conference Center from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Other stops include: Marygrove College, Albion College, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Rapids Community College, and

Saginaw Valley State University.

The group hopes to:

- Give voice to institutions of higher education anxious to discuss civic components of their campuses and bring critical attention to the importance of campus civic engagement;

- Highlight the cost savings and benefit to the state and local communities through the civic engagement of college students;

- Explore ways that the legislature could support and contribute to the civic engagement of higher education; and

- Provide opportunities to empower young people and higher education institutions at the same time to reinvigorate communities and democracy with

fresh ideas and thoughtful leadership.

Topics of testimony and discussion would include, but are not limited to: Cost-benefit analysis of campus civic engagement programs and education; program impact on the state and individual communities; types of opportunities students need to receive civic education; best practices for impact on community needs; testimonials - student and professionals; suggestions for the legislature on how it can support, enhance and inspire civic engagement of colleges and universities, now and in the future.

The panel will take information gathered from the meetings

and produce a white paper to be used with the legislature, non-profits and higher education to highlight the impact on the civic good of higher education.

Sponsoring organizations include: the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan; National Forum on Higher Education for the Public Good; ConnectMichigan Alliance; Michigan Campus Compact; Michigan Community Service Commission; Michigan Nonprofit Association; and the President's Council of State Colleges and Universities.

For more information on the public hearing at Kirtland, call (989) 275-5000, ext. 412.

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GHS student earns 3rd runner-up out of 180



Stacey Leigh Brown

Sixteen-year old Stacey Leigh Brown, of Grayling, was named 3rd Runner-Up in the Miss Junior Michigan Pageant, February 21. There were 180 contestants in the competition.

Brown, the president of the junior class at Grayling High School, was given the title of Miss Junior Grayling upon application to the state pageant. She was sponsored by Chuck's

Tire and her entire family.

She serves as co-captain of the GRA Pom Pon Squad, is involved in the high school musical, GHS C.A.R.E.S., Positive Peer Involvement, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Brown has taken seven years of dance training at the Louise Tournaud School of Dance in Grayling and has competed at the international level of dance competitions.

This is not Brown's first pageant competition. In 1996, she was crowned Little Miss Crawford County, Miss Pre-Teen Crawford County in 1998, and Miss Teen Crawford County in 2002.

Stacey is the daughter of James and Roxanne Brown of Grayling; granddaughter of Emma and the late Tom Brown of Grayling, Billie and Edi Pettit of Otter Lake, Eldon and Laura (Lori) Holcomb of Kalkaska; and great granddaughter of Geraldine (Gerry) and the late Carl K. Pettit of Otisville.

Following high school graduation, Stacey hopes to move to New York City and pursue a career on Broadway.



Grayling High School Junior Class President, Stacey Leigh Brown (far right) was named 3rd Runner-Up at the recent Miss Junior Michigan Pageant in Novi.

Conservation grants available

Funding for Michigan landowners interested in conserving natural resources is now available for the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers these programs which are intended to provide cost-share and technical assistance to landowners for the protection and enhancement of water quality, wetlands, wildlife habitat, soil, air quality and other natural resource areas.

Applications for EQIP, WHIP and WRP will be selected through a competitive ranking process that evaluates the environmental benefit of the conservation plan proposed.

"With Michigan's landowners historical high interest in protecting natural resources, Michigan NRCS typically receives more applications than we are able to fund. I would encourage those

interested in obtaining assistance for implementing conservation through EQIP, WHIP or WRP to visit their local NRCS office as soon as possible," said Ron Williams, Michigan NRCS State Conservationist.

Information about each program, including applications and the ranking criteria used to select applications, are currently available on our Michigan NRCS web site.

Those interested in applying for assistance under one of these three programs should visit or call their local NRCS office, typically located in the county USDA Service Center.

For Crawford County, the NRCS office is in Gaylord at the Alpine Center, 800 Livingston Boulevard, Suite 4A, phone: (989) 732-6526 ext. 2; or contact the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District in the CRAF Center in Roscommon at (989) 275-5231.

EQIP, WRP and WHIP information is also available on the web at www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov/ programs.

MILITARY NEWS

Army National Guard Pvt. Timothy J. Wildfong has graduated from the fuel and electrical systems repairer advanced individual training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, MD.

Wildfong was trained in the operation and repair of fuel, electronic, and electrical systems associated with wheeled and track vehicles.

System and component training included fuel pumps (metering and injection), injectors, governors, wiring harnesses, alternators/generators, starters, regulators and electrical control boxes, direct current electrical motors, air and hydraulic brakes, and heater units.

Timothy is the son of Harry C. and Darlene Wildfong of Frederic.

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Retracing Lewis and Clark the hard way

Submitted by Gail Keller

Former resident Norm Miller, son of the late Harry and Betty Miller of Grayling, will soon embark on a 3500-mile canoe journey following the route of Lewis & Clark. Miller who now resides in Livingston, Montana will begin his journey from Wood River, Illinois on March 23.

His journey coincides with the 200th anniversary celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition, known as the Corps of Discovery; they departed in May of 1804. Not only will Miller be traveling solo but will cover the 2,300 mile length of the Missouri River... upstream.

Once near the headwaters, he will trade in his paddle for hiking boots and a backpack to cover the 350 miles of mountainous terrain over the Continental Divide. Once he reaches the watershed of the Columbia River, he will once again take to his canoe for the final 800-miles downstream to the ocean. If all goes as planned, Miller will reach the Pacific by October.

Miller's journey is rather unique in the fact he will be bringing the Internet viewer with him every stroke of the way. Armed with a laptop and digital camera, he will record the information to his web site entitled, "In The Wake Of Discovery" located at: www.lewisandclark-2004.com.

"By updating the web site with photos and descriptions from the journals of Lewis and Clark, as well as my own experiences, the Internet viewer will have a better understanding of what the original explorers saw and discovered as well as experience the same hardships through me," said Miller.

He said that if you have ever dreamed of retracing their route, you can do so without having to fight off hordes of mosquitoes, enduring intense heat, or dealing with Indian confrontations all from the comforts of your home.



Former Grayling resident, Norm Miller, invites everyone to take a journey with him via the Internet as he retraces the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1804.

Miller will also be raising awareness for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the American Rivers Organization. Both non-profit organizations help to protect the Lewis and Clark trail and the waters that surround it for the educational enjoyment of future generations.

Miller has always been interested in history and stories about early explorers. The idea for his journey came to him while paddling the route of explorer Alexander Mackenzie through Canada in the summer of 1998. It was Mackenzie who discovered the first water route across North America more than a decade before Lewis and Clark set out.

"I was paddling down the Mackenzie River wishing I could somehow share the journey with other people. However it wasn't until a year or so later when the Internet came into existence that I saw a means to share it with those who would never have such an opportunity to travel the route for themselves." Miller began

planning steadily in 2000 and now, some 50 months later, he is about to depart.

Miller will also be carrying a lot of high-tech gear including portable solar panels and a satellite phone, which will be used as a modem to update the web site from remote locations.

"I hope to work the technical bugs out of the system before my departure but I will be amazed not to encounter problems along the way. There are too many things that can go wrong, so I will just have to deal with them as they happen", said Miller.

So much has been written about the Lewis and Clark expedition Miller said, but very few pictures of what they saw ever accompany the text.

"I intend to photo-document every geographical feature they encountered."

Although only about a dozen photos will appear weekly on his web site, Miller plans to compile them all into a book once the journey is completed.

Not only will Miller have to deal with technical problems, he will encounter over 20 hydro-electric dams, which he must portage around.

"I have a small, wheeled cart used for portaging canoes which I will use to haul everything around the dams," said Miller. He is most concerned however with the smaller wing dams constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers. These dams are submerged rock walls along the shore of the river used to force the current into the center of the river.

"If the water levels are low the rocks will be exposed and if the water is too high, it creates nasty eddies and currents as the water swirls over the walls." There are over a thousand of these wing dams along the route.

Miller will be using a set of 500 cartographic reconstructed maps originally drawn by William Clark and compiled and formatted by cartographer Martin Plamondon II onto modern day topographical maps.

"What you have are two overlapping maps on one page - one of what the route looked like in the early 1800's with that of the present day channel".

By using the combination of the two maps, Miller will be able to pinpoint many of Lewis and Clark's encampment sites as well as the geographical features they encountered.

"Over the last 200 years, the Missouri River has changed course by many miles due to constant spring flooding and by the creation of levees and dams" said Miller. He said Lewis and Clark would not even recognize the

river today.

When Miller reaches the headwaters of the Missouri River near present day Dillon, Montana, he will store most of his gear and canoe with friends and backpack through the Bitterroot National Forest. During this section, Lewis and Clark researcher and author, Gene Eastman, will join Miller. Eastman is familiar with the location of the original Nez Perce Indian Trail the explorers followed through the wilderness.

"The present day Forest Service trail over the mountains is actually not the original Lewis and Clark trail as many people believe," said Miller. Eastman's research has led him to discover the original campsites stayed at by the Corps of Discovery some 200 years earlier.

"I'm really looking forward to this part of the journey and being the first 'whites' to travel its entire length since Lewis and Clark." However after sitting for four months in his canoe prior to reaching the mountains, it should provide it's own challenge since his legs will not be accustomed to walking very far.

"I don't expect any part of this journey to be easy," said Miller, who realizes he has his work cut out for him. "But by experiencing the difficulties firsthand, I think I will truly get a feel for what Lewis and Clark went through and then be able to relay that to you on the web site".

Prior to his departure Miller will be sending shipments of food and supplies to various post offices along the way, allowing for more room and less weight to carry in his canoe. There are over 200 towns along the trail today, so Miller will not have to rely on hunting as the original explorers did. Miller will require a diet of over 4,000 calories per day. He will also have the advantage of obtaining food from various stores.

"There were almost 40 men and one woman on the original expedition and they ate almost nine pounds of meat each per day - that's over 350 lbs.! They relied on living off the land, which is very different compared to what I will experience."

Miller will be paddling a custom solo expedition canoe built by canoe legend Verlen Kruger, of Lansing. His canoe is made of Kevlar®, the strongest fiberglass available and very comfortable and sturdy to withstand the harsh conditions along the river. Miller anticipates paddling 20 miles per day on average, much faster than Lewis and Clark.

"They had over 10 tons of supplies and had to literally push,

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Dealer Prepares For Buying Frenzy: "Cars To Sell For Just \$29* Down!"

West Branch Area Auto Shoppers Express Disbelief But Dealer Remains Optimistic As Unprecedented 3-Day Sale Approaches, March 18th - 20th

WEST BRANCH, MI - Mr. Matt Arbour, Owner of Dean Arbour Ford announced plans today for the National Automotive 'Insider' Sales Event. The 'Insider Sale' is a spectacular buying program that gives customers an opportunity to save thousands on the vehicle of their dreams. During this event, customers will be able to take on payments on the new or used vehicle of their choice for an incredibly low down payment of only \$29.* When asked how he can sell cars for only \$29* down Arbour replied, "When you combine an inventory of new and late model, low mileage vehicles with aggressive financing by our lenders, \$29* is all it takes for most consumers with good credit."

This event is named, "The National Automotive 'Insider' Sale" for the fact that hundreds of vehicles normally allocated to wholesalers, insiders and other special interest groups will be offered to the public during this exclusive event. This unique sales event has been sweeping the country and allows customers to be on the 'Inside' track to great savings on the new or used vehicle of their choice.

The 3-day event begins this Thursday, March 18th and runs through Saturday, March 20th, rain or shine. Arbour offers a simple explanation for offering this program, "Surveys of auto shoppers show that the #1 reason people don't buy is they don't think they can afford a newer vehicle at the moment. But thanks to this program & just \$29* down - practically anyone can afford to upgrade to a 'like-new' pre-owned or new vehicle." Arbour goes on to mention, "All of the automobiles

we're offering will be specially priced. In short, if you want to get a great deal on the vehicle of your dreams, you won't want to miss this event."

During this exclusive event extended terms and special financing will be available to help reduce monthly payments or obtain credit for those who may have had challenges in the past.

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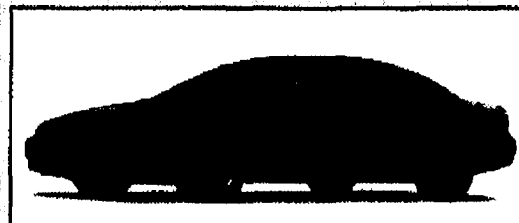
There will be many makes and models to choose from including: Ford's entire lineup - plus other makes such as Chrysler, Jeep, Chevy, Honda, Toyota and many more. There will be a large selection of SUV's on hand, including: Expedition, Explorer, Escape, etc. all drastically reduced for immediate sale. Payments will be clearly marked on each vehicle. All you'll need to do is pick a vehicle and a payment--pay \$29* down and drive home happy. It's just that simple.

Arbour also reminds customers that the event is first-come, first-served, so it's critical to come early and have the best chance of getting the vehicle of your choice. The site for this event is Dean Arbour Ford, located at 3382 West M55, for three days only: Thursday, March 18th thru Friday, March 19th from 9am-7pm and Saturday, March 20th from 9am-5pm.

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pull and drag a 15-ton keel boat upstream all the way to the Mandan Indian villages of North Dakota," said Miller. "It was their determination, teamwork, persistence and vision that made the expedition a success."

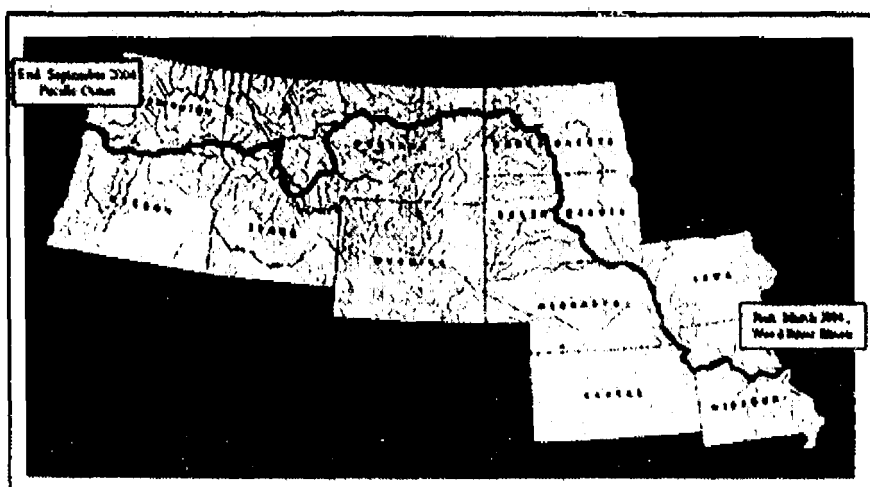
These same qualities will be needed for Miller's own success. "I have to stay focused on my daily goals and try not think too much about the big picture or I will get overwhelmed by how far I have to go." One paddle stroke at a time is his motto.

Miller's web site contains many interesting features including aerial photos and maps of the route in addition to many photos of plants and animals discovered by Lewis and Clark. He has a

section devoted to children including many pictures drawn by kids from around the country of the original Lewis and Clark journey. Miller has received many gear and supply contributions by such companies as Coleman, Kokatat, and Global Star but the remainder of his time and effort has come from his own pocket or through the sale of "Official" Expedition T-shirts.

"Each shirt sale buys me one day's supply of food which is very helpful," said Miller. A friend of his drew the logo and sent it all via an e-mail attachment, while working at the South Pole, Antarctica.

"It shows you how far communications technology has changed since Lewis and Clark."



Miller's trip will begin March 23 near St. Louis, Missouri and conclude sometime in September on the Pacific shoreline, if all goes as planned.

Miller can be reached via his web and would be glad to hear from anyone while on the trail at: www.lewisandclark-2004.com. "I think people will be surprised

to get an email response from me while sitting in my tent along the Missouri River. It's something Lewis and Clark would never have imagined."

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for April. Please call 348-7800 for appointments.

Immunization clinics: April 7 and 21 by appointment.

HIV/AIDS - Testing - the Health Department will conduct confidential HIV/AIDS testing by appointment only.

Family planning: April 6, 20 and 27 by appointment.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: April 8, 12,

15, 19, 21, 22, and 26 by appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions are scheduled quarterly at the Cadillac office only. Information and appointments can be made by calling (231) 775-9942.

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- Environmental Health (well and septic permits, food service, water testing, etc.);
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- Health Promotion Programs: such as Smoking Cessation

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criminal, two delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, six false alarm activations, two burglary - forced entry of residence, two larceny, one larceny from mails, two motor vehicle thefts, four damage to property, one obstruction of justice - failure to appear, six public peace/disorderly, one hit and run motor vehi-

cle accident, three miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, three driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

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Music store owner part of rock opera band

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Local musician and music store owner, Al Bondar, is playing a key role in a stage production of the Tony Award-winning rock opera, "Tommy."

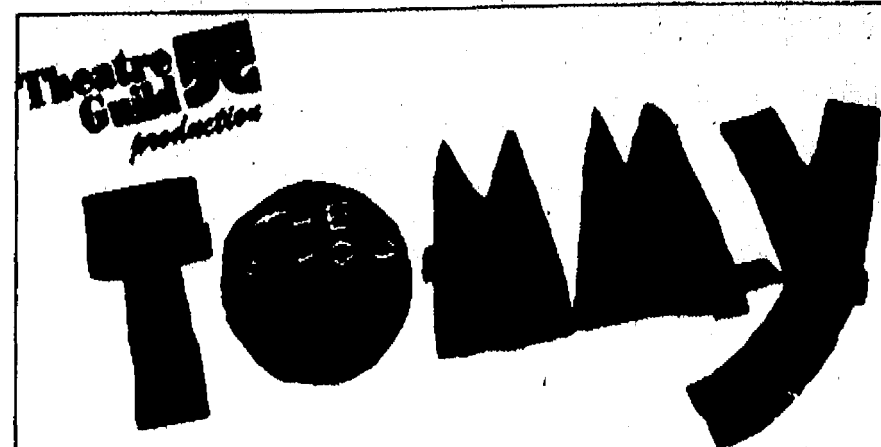
The now classic musical production is the story of a boy rendered "deaf, dumb and blind" by the sight of his father's murder, set in 1940-1963 England and Europe. His psychedelic journey through a maze of abusive rela-

Bondar is the owner of Dharma Records, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. He is performing on keyboards and flute for Dick Wagner and the Dick Wagner Band, providing more than two hours of non-stop music for the production - with the exception of a 15 minute intermission. Bondar said the pace of the production is challenging and he is really enjoying being part of the musical.

"Tommy" first came to the attention of American audiences in 1969 when the rock group "The Who" released its album with a whole new concept.

Although many ballads have been written and performed over the years - telling stories of love, danger or addressing social issues - never had one band produced a full-length album in the form of a rock opera.

The vast majority of the music and lyrics for "Tommy" were written by Pete Townshend of The Who, with additional music and lyrics by fellow band members Roger Daltrey, John Entwistle and Keith Moon. Selections include "Pinball Wizard," "Sensation" ("See Me, Feel Me, Touch Me, Heal Me"), "We're Not Gonna Take It," and



"Eyesight to the Blind (The Hawker)" - songs filled with penetrating harmonies and crescendos of strong pulsating rhythms.

In 1975, "Tommy" came to the big screen in director Ken Russell's adaptation that is fast-moving, colorful and gaudy. Starring in the movie were Roger Daltrey in the lead role of "Tommy Walker," Elton John as the "Pinball Wizard" and Tina Turner as the "Acid Queen." Other movie cast members included Ann-Margaret, Eric Clapton, Jack Nicholson, Keith Moon and Robert Powell. The movie is now available on DVD.

Note: "Tommy" contains mature themes and language that some audience members might consider offensive.

There are still two chances to witness this rock and roll blast

from the past, from the late 60s and 70s, live and on stage, by attending one of the last two performances this Friday or Saturday, March 19-20 at the Midland Center for the Arts Little Theatre, 1801 West St. Andrews Road in Midland.

Tickets prices are \$18 for adults and \$13 for students. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; and one hour before showtime. For tickets, call (989) 631-8250 or 1-800-523-7649.

For more information about this or any other production, call the Theatre Guild Office at (989) 631-5930, ext. 1604 or 1702, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or log on to the Midland Center for the Arts web site at: www.mcfat.org.



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tives and strange "cures" eventually leads to enlightenment and sainthood as a champion pinball player.

MDOT begins first travel study in many years

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) began a

major travel data collection program on March 15 that will provide vital information necessary to set transportation priorities for the next two decades.

Dubbed "MI Travel Counts," the project is Michigan's first comprehensive statewide transportation study in many years. It will record how Michigan residents get from place to place, whether by car, bus, train, airplane, boat, bicycle, or on foot.

"MI Travel Counts will paint a realistic picture of why people travel and how they plan their daily travel activities," said

MDOT Director Gloria J. Jeff.

"Using this up-to-date information, MDOT and its transportation partners can project Michigan's growing travel needs thus helping to improve our quality of life while maintaining Michigan's economic health and regional viability."

Beginning this week, prospective participants will be contacted by phone and asked to participate by filling out a travel diary detailing their travel activities for two days.

Information collected will be converted to statistical data and

used only for the purposes of the study. All information will remain confidential.

"This is an important way for Michigan citizens to play a critical role in creating a 21st Century transportation system," Jeff said.

"Public participation will result in easier and safer travel, less congestion, and more access and choices for every Michigan citizen"

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Local eatery helps kick off Reading Month with donations

The March 1 visit by "The Cat in the Hat" (played by Bonnie Brewer) to the students at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools was sponsored by the Burger King restaurant in Grayling.

Brewer read "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," kicking off "Reading Month" for the schools and helping students commemorate the 100th birthday of the late Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss (March 2).

For the event, Burger King donated 200 Cat in the Hat toys, 200 related ornaments and four books to be shared equally by the two schools. Coupons for free Kids Meals were also donated to be awarded to students who read 12 books within the month of March.

Fifth graders entertain with songs by Seuss

Two Grayling Elementary School 5th grade classes performed their concert of Dr. Seuss music at Collins Elementary School in Houghton Lake on March 2, the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Seuss Geisel.

The Cat in the Hat, played by Chuck Hughes, accompanied the classes of Ginger Casey and Sandy Baynham. All the music was performed by the students in written in *The Cat in the Hat Songbook*. (Not too many people are aware Dr. Seuss also wrote songs.) The students performed under the direction of D.J. Brown, music teacher at Grayling Elementary School.

On March 11, the fifth graders repeated their performance for all the classes at the AuSable Primary School. Unfortunately, the Cat in the Hat was not available for the show. However, the audience enjoyed seeing and hearing all the strange instru-



Two Grayling Elementary School fifth grade classes performed a Dr. Seuss concert at a Houghton Lake school, with Chuck Hughes playing the Cat in the Hat.

ments created for the song, "Plunker Plunker, Strummer Zummer, Beeper Booper" and watching Uncle Terwilliger as he acted out the song, "My Uncle Terwilliger Waltzes with Bears"

by waltzing with teddy bears held by students in the choir. The performances included nine selections from Dr. Seuss' songbook.

New partnership formed at computer firm

Grayling resident Edward Elsner joined DXR Computer Services, Inc. as a part owner in early February, with former partner, Brad Summers, selling all of his interest in the company.

Elsner has been exploring career options since contract with the Crawford County Library expired on January 14. With his background in robotics engineering and work as the system administrator and computer technician for the Crawford County Library, the option to purchase part of DXR "was a perfect fit," he said.

The 30-year old Elsner said he has worked with computers for 20 years, from simple PLC ladder logic to modern Windows 2003 servers. Elsner said he looks forward to learning from Morrisette, who has been servicing and building computers and systems for over 12 years.

The company has also made a move to an uptown Grayling address on the north side of Michigan Avenue.

"Our new location will allow us to increase our product offerings," said co-owner Matt



Photo courtesy of DXR Computer Services, Inc.

Edward Elsner (left) has become business partners with DXR Computer's Matt Morrisette (right) and the store recently relocated to a Michigan Avenue address in uptown Grayling.

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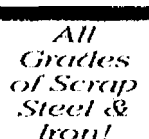
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Changing eating habits may change your life

► Quick and Healthy cooking class offered at Mercy, March 23

Changing your eating habits to include a healthier selection of foods can be a lot of fun if you approach it with a spirit of adventure. Plenty of evidence exists to show the need for change. At last count, nearly two-third of all Americans were classified

as overweight or obese. Both conditions are linked to significant health problems, such as heart disease and diabetes.

Munson Healthcare has named March "Nutrition Month" and is encouraging community members to take an honest, thoughtful look at their eating habits. Attend one of the nutrition-focused programs offered during the month, or adopt one or all of the following tips to improve your nutrition and overall health.

In the store:

- Select a fruit or vegetable you don't normally buy each time you walk through your grocer's produce department - you might find a new favorite.

- Select foods that are every color of the rainbow (OK, maybe not blue).

- Take your children on a Supermarket Safari. Pick a food group and let them hunt down one new food they've never tried before.

- Dig into a different grain - couscous and bulgur, for instance, are tasty and interesting.

Eating out:

- Enjoy ethnic food - try Thai, Indian, or Japanese for healthy choices.

- Choose an entree that is grilled or broiled.

- Slow down when you eat. It takes 20 minutes for your brain to

send the signal that you've had enough to eat.

- Take half of your meal home and enjoy it the next day.

- Split your order of fries with a friend.

At home:

- For lower-fat chili or tacos, put cooked ground beef in a strainer and rinse briefly with hot water. Drain well and continue with your recipe.

- Add more fiber-rich beans and peas to your meals. Canned chickpeas are delicious in salad.

- Know a teen-age girl? Most don't get the iron they need. Pump up iron levels with fortified cereals, hearty black bean soup, or tasty beef fajitas.

- For fun snacks, try fresh fruit kabobs with yogurt dip or baked tortilla chips with zesty bean dip.

- Get a handle on portion sizes by switching to smaller plates and bowls.

- Don't eat snacks out of the bag - measure a portion onto a plate.

At work:

- Stash packets of instant oatmeal and some juice boxes in your desk for a quick snack.

- Eat small amounts regularly to stave off hunger and reduce likelihood of overeating.

- Think about calories the way you think about money. Be careful how you spend them during

the day.

- Keep your main focus on what is healthy for you, not on calories, carbohydrates, and fat grams.

Mercy Hospital in Grayling will offer "30-Minute Meals: Quick and Healthy Cooking" to celebrate National Nutrition Month, with Registered Dietitians who will prepare healthy recipes for the "cook on the go," on Tuesday, March 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

At this demonstration, there will be an opportunity to "taste test" several dishes, learn about their nutritional value, and receive copies of the recipes. For more information, call (989) 348-0543.

Nutrition Education sessions are also available. Meet with a Registered Dietitian to discuss nutrition needs and healthy eating. Sessions are available:

- Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Mercy Hospital in Grayling;

- The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Mercy Family Care in Prudenville; and

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March 23 is Diabetes Alert Day in Michigan

Tuesday, March 23 is Diabetes Alert Day. TIPDON, Northern Michigan's Diabetes Outreach Network, is encouraging everyone to be aware of their risk of developing diabetes or having undiagnosed diabetes.

Some people have any or none of the following symptoms: frequent urination, increased thirst, increased hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability, or blurry vision. Diabetes is sometimes difficult to diagnose as it is a silent disease.

Why should Michigan care about diabetes? Here are some reasons from TIPDON:

- It is common. Michigan has the 7th highest diabetes prevalence rate in the United States.

- Approximately 1.3 million Michigan citizens have diabetes or pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is a condition which puts individuals at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes within the next 10 years.

- Of all the persons with type 2 diabetes in the state, over 216,000 do not know they have the disease and are not being treated for it.

- Among U.S. adults aged 20 and older, African-Americans are twice as likely as Caucasians to have diabetes, and American Indians are 2.6 times more likely to have diabetes.

Diabetes is on the increase,

TIPDON officials said. Type 2 diabetes, formerly called adult-onset diabetes, has become epidemic among children and teenagers. One out of three children born in 2003 will develop diabetes.

Diabetes is a serious disease. It is the leading cause of blindness and kidney failure in Michigan and a major factor in high blood pressure, heart disease, and amputations.

Michigan has the third highest rate of risk for diabetes complications due to the state's high percentage of people with the disease who are obese, and diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in Michigan.

TIPDON has some encouraging news about diabetes as well: it is preventable and controllable.

Recent research shows modest physical activity and healthy eat-

ing can cut a person's risk for developing type 2 diabetes by up to 60 percent. Diabetes complications and premature death can be prevented or delayed in most cases with early intervention and proper treatment.

Diabetes treatment is 95 percent "self care," reports TIPDON. Good health maintenance depends upon how well people with diabetes pursue their own self-management.

Anyone over the age of 45, overweight, inactive, have a family history of diabetes, gestational diabetes, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure, is at risk for diabetes and should be screened.

For more information about TIPDON, call (231) 348-8596, email tipdon@racc2000.com or log on to:

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Hospital names new supervisor

Mercy Hospital Grayling has chosen Katie Metheny as its new Customer Access Services Supervisor.

Metheny, who joined the hospital's staff in 2002, will oversee the 25-member department, which is responsible for a wide variety of services, ranging from Central Scheduling to insurance

matters. She has been the department's interim supervisor since September 2003.

"We have a great team in Customer Access Services," said Metheny. "We're involved in several different roles - from insurance to scheduling - but we never lose sight of our overall goal of providing outstanding service to our customers and patients."

"Since coming to Mercy Hospital Grayling in 2002, Katie's initiative, hard work, and abilities were evident as she progressed through the ranks in the Customer Access department," said Chief Human Resources Officer Kathy Bochniak.

Born at Mercy Hospital Grayling, Metheny is a 1987 graduate of Grayling High School. She worked in a physician's office in Ohio for 10 years before returning to her hometown.

"I had a chance to come home and I took it," said Katie, whose mother, Natalie Czuba, has worked at Mercy for 34 years.

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Scouts spend weekend team-building



Members of Boy Scout Troop 995 of Grayling and Troop 944 of Roscommon, along with their leaders, gathered in the main dining hall at Camp Daggett in Petoskey during a recent outing.

Local Boy Scouts from Troop 995 of Grayling recently traveled to Camp Daggett in Petoskey for an outing hosted by Troop 944 of Roscommon.

Activities included rock wall climbing, rappelling, and other rope-related challenges.

Camp Daggett rests on beautiful Walloon Lake, and during all meals the scouts could view the lake from the main dining hall.

The scouts spent Friday evening sharing fellowship, playing cards and games with Troop 944 and exploring the beautiful lodge.

On Saturday, the scouts hiked up to the adventure center where they spent most of the day enjoying the ropes courses. Course instructors involved both troops in team-building games, which got them ready for the program.

One of the main ideas was working as a team and to encourage each other to give "put-ups, not put-downs."

The scouts enjoyed three different levels on the rock walls, one of which they could jump off a ledge and hit a suspended ball. They climbed up rope lad-

ders to a suspended balance beam and needed to pass each other to get to the other side.

Also, there was a series of vertical 4 x 4s called the centipede that they had to climb to reach the eagle's nest approximately 30 feet off the floor. All Scouts and adults were wearing a climbing harness and were tethered by a rope for safety.

All meals were prepared in the lodge kitchen by both troops together; dinner on Saturday included a Chili Cook-Off. Both troops and some of the adults participated in this event, which is a tradition for the Roscommon Troop. On Sunday morning, the scouts packed up then cleaned the lodge and headed home to rest.

Boys who would like to take part in Troop 995's future outings and see what scouting can offer, should call Scoutmaster Jim Pickell at 348-2870.

State funds redirected to foster Brownfield redevelopment

Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting applications for brownfield grants and loans from local governments, Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities, and other eligible applicants.

Applications are being accepted for eligible projects that may include funding for site assessment evaluations, preparation of Baseline Environmental Assessments, due care activities, and other response activities associated with preparing a brownfield property for redevelopment. The property must be a known or suspected site of environmental contamination based on the historic use of the site.

Brownfields are generally considered to be abandoned, idle, or underutilized industrial or commercial properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

Brownfield grants and loans are available to assist communities to bring new development to brownfield properties. Grants and loans can be combined with other tools, such as tax increment financing and Single Business Tax credit, to successfully redevelop brownfield sites.

Governor Jennifer Granholm recently signed new legislation to redirect \$55 million in Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) funds to the Brownfield Grants and

Loans Program. Grant and loan awards will be contingent on the appropriation of this funding as well as the sale of CMI bonds. Communities are encouraged to move ahead and develop applications in anticipation of available funding.

Michigan's Brownfield Program is regarded as one of the best in the country, according to Robert Colangelo of the National Brownfield Association.

Since 1990, the Michigan Brownfield Program has awarded over \$109.4 million to over 258 projects across the state. The grants and loans have leveraged over \$1.9 billion in private investment and helped create 8,117 jobs. The DEQ was accepting applications on a continual basis until August 2002, when all CMI grant programs were suspended due to state budget issues.

Applications received by March 31, 2004 will be evaluated for immediate funding, based on funding availability. After that date, applications will be accepted on a continuous basis and evaluated against program criteria to determine subsequent awards with any remaining funding.

Application materials and information on the DEQ's Brownfield Program grants and loans can be obtained by contacting the DEQ at (517) 373-9540.

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Most of you are probably aware that my office suite at 1200 N. Down River Rd., Grayling, MI, was damaged extensively on February 10, 2004, by fire. Medical records were either destroyed or severely damaged in the blaze. At this time I am uncertain when and where I will reopen my practice in the future. If you have an emergency call 911. I advise all patients to seek alternative health care at this time with other providers in the area including Suzie Blachard FNP, Dr. Todoroff, or any of the Mercy Health System providers in the area. For urgent medical needs go to the nearest medical facility or emergency room. I have made arrangements with local pharmacies to fill prescriptions daily as needed by patients. I will continue to do this through April 9, 2004. Any remaining refills you have will also be honored.

With the assistance of Mercy Hospital and West Branch Regional Medical Center I will soon be receiving copies of all tests and labs completed since mid-January so that I may contact you regarding results and further followup. Because our billing system was located off-site I will be receiving a complete patient list with phone numbers and addresses soon. I apologize for the inconvenience this situation has caused you, especially those of you who traveled to the office for appointments after February 10, 2004, because you were not aware of the fire.

It has truly been a privilege and a pleasure to be a part of your health care team. I have enjoyed learning more about you and your families. My spirit continues to be lifted by your cards, letters, and calls encouraging me to continue the practice of medicine in spite of everything that has happened the past several years. Your continued support is very motivational and certainly greatly appreciated.

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87TH DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for February 2004

Hon. John G. Hunter

Derek Eugene Vojinov, age 20 of Grayling - Assault/Assault and Battery and Alcohol - Purchase/Consume/Possess by a Minor; ordered to pay \$865 fines/costs or spend 86 days in jail.

David Mitchell Stocker, age 21 of Grayling - Assault/Assault and Battery; ordered to pay \$705 fines/costs.

David John Millikin, age 49 of Grayling - Wetlands - Fill/Dredge/Drain without Permit and DNR - general violations; ordered to pay \$435 fines/costs or spend 43 days in jail.

Alfred Frank Kalkan, age 34 of Grayling - Drove Impaired - 2nd Offense; ordered to pay \$1,255 fines/costs or spend 125 days in jail.

Maria Lynn Watson, age 29 of Frederic - Drove While Unlicensed/License Not Valid and Operate Without Security; ordered to pay \$720 fines/costs or spend 72 days in jail.

Randal Robert Hopkins, age 19 of East Lansing - Operating With Any Presence of Drugs; ordered to pay \$995 fines/costs and placed on 90 days probation.

Christy Lee Angner, age 46 of Mount Pleasant - Disorderly Person/Drunk; ordered to pay \$190 fines/costs and \$10 restitution.

Dennis Wayne Everson, age 49 of Frederic - Disturbance of the Peace; ordered to pay \$350 fines/costs or spend 35 days in jail.

Louis Len Turner III, age 34 of Grayling - Operate While

Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$635 fines/costs or spend 63 days in jail.

Shannon Eli Nuccio, age 34 of Grayling - Violation of Grayling City Ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$190 fines/costs.

Jeffrey Louis Carroll, age 44 of Grayling - Violation of Grayling City Ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$390 fines/costs or spend 39 days in jail.

Mitchell T. Shinabarger, age 22 of Cheboygan - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$395 fines/costs or spend 39 days in jail.

Jennifer Lynn Alma, age 21 of Frederic - Operating With Any Presence of Drugs; ordered to pay \$645 fines/costs or spend 60 days in jail, placed on 90 days probation.

Brock Douglas Wilson, age 26 of Grayling - Retail Fraud Third Degree; ordered to pay \$695 fines/costs and \$15 restitution or spend 71 days in jail.

Dean Joseph Louviere, age 46 of Grayling - Drove While Unlicensed/License Not Valid and Operate While Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$955 fines/costs or spend 93 days in jail.

Leonard Alan Gower, age 41 of Grayling - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed Suspended Person to Operate and Operate While Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$795 fines/costs or spend 79 days in jail.

Christine Lynn Fast, age 37 of Kalkaska - Operate While Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$445 fines/costs or spend 44 days in jail.

Michael James Duran, age 28 of Grayling - Improper Use of License Plate; ordered to pay \$115 fines/costs or spend 11 days in jail.

Robert Wayne Card Jr., age 35 of Gladwin - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$195 fines/costs or spend 19 days in jail.

Dennis Ernest Williamson, age 64 of Grayling - Operate While Visibly Impaired; ordered to pay \$445.

Christopher Sean Hartley, age 34 of Grayling - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$445 fines/costs or spend 45 days in jail.

Jeffrey Michael Kaiser, age 29 of Mount Pleasant - License Suspended/Revoked - Allowed Suspended Person to Operate and Operate Without Security; ordered to pay \$1,155 fines/costs or spend 115 days in jail.

Roland Floyd Wilkins, age 51 of Gaylord - Domestic Violence; ordered to pay \$755 fines/costs or spend 75 days in jail.

William Joseph Turner, age 34 of Flint - Operator Suspended/Failed to Answer Citation; ordered to pay \$200 fine/costs.

MILITARY NEWS



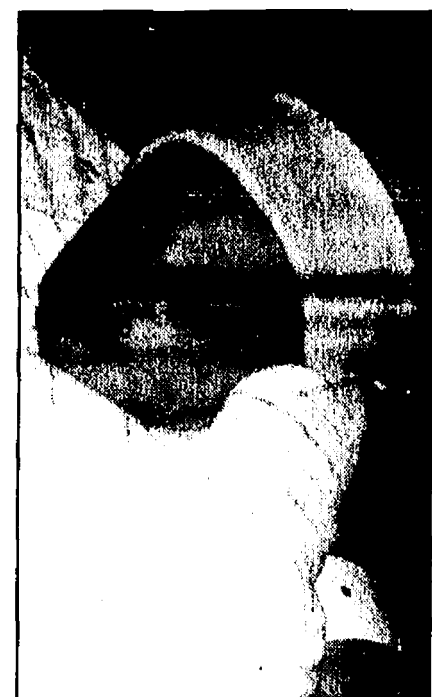
SPC Stephan J. Moon

As of March 26, 2004, Specialist Stephan J. Moon, of Grayling, is stationed in Iraq. For those who would like to write him a letter, please mail them to:

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Moon's family reports he would love to hear from everyone, so drop him a card or letter to say "hello."

BIRTHS



Kayli Marie Burch

Dale Lee Burch and Ramanda Marie Steiger, of Roseville, announce the birth of their daughter, Kayli Marie Burch.

She was born at 2:19 a.m. on March 9, 2004, weighing 4 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 18-1/2 inches.

Kayli's grandparents are Paula Capling and Luke Helsel and Mike and Peg Steiger, all of Grayling; and Sally and Pat Wilson, of Roseville.

Diocese program to cover the children of Abraham

At a time when conflicts among three of the world's major religions are in the global spotlight, John Schultz has been invited to reflect on the one man who unites them all.

"The Children of Abraham: Islam, Judaism and Christianity" is the topic of the 3rd Annual Spring Enrichment Day at the Diocese of Gaylord, scheduled for Saturday, April 3.

The event will be held in the Gathering Room of the pastoral center in Gaylord, located at 611 West North Street. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. and the day concludes at 3 p.m.

Schultz holds degrees in psychology, theology and religious studies. He is on the faculty of Mercy High School in Farmington. He is also a teacher in the Diocese of Saginaw Ministry Formation program and has taught world religions to high school and adult groups for over 20 years.

Registrations will be accepted until March 23 via telephone at (989) 705-3519 or e-mail at Lraden@dioceseofgaylord.org. The cost for the day is \$30 which includes lunch and materials.

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GHS vs. RHS 2B

► District Tournament, Round One:
GRAYLING-71, Roscommon-40

► District Tournament, Semi-Finals:
GRAYLING-66, Kalkaska-59 (OT)

► District Tournament, Finals:
GRAYLING-58, Harrison-41

District Champions

Vikings win
title game
vs. Harrison
Hornets

**GHS outscores
Harrison 19-0 in
last 4:13 of the
fourth period**

Grayling High School won a District championship in boys basketball last Friday with a 58-41 victory over the Harrison Hornets at GHS in a game that was very close until the Vikings erupted for a 19-0 run late in the fourth quarter.

Grayling defeated the Bucks of Roscommon 71-40 on Tuesday in round one of the tournament and advanced to the District finals with a 66-59 overtime victory over the Kalkaska Blazers on Thursday in the semi-finals.

On Friday, the Vikings struggled offensively through a low-scoring first half in the District championship game. Harrison led 22-16 at halftime.

(Grayling overcame an early injury scare when starting center Joe Lange went down about four minutes into the first quarter. He went to the locker room for treatment and returned to the game with about one minute left in the first period. He finished the contest without further incident.)

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See "VIKINGS WIN..."

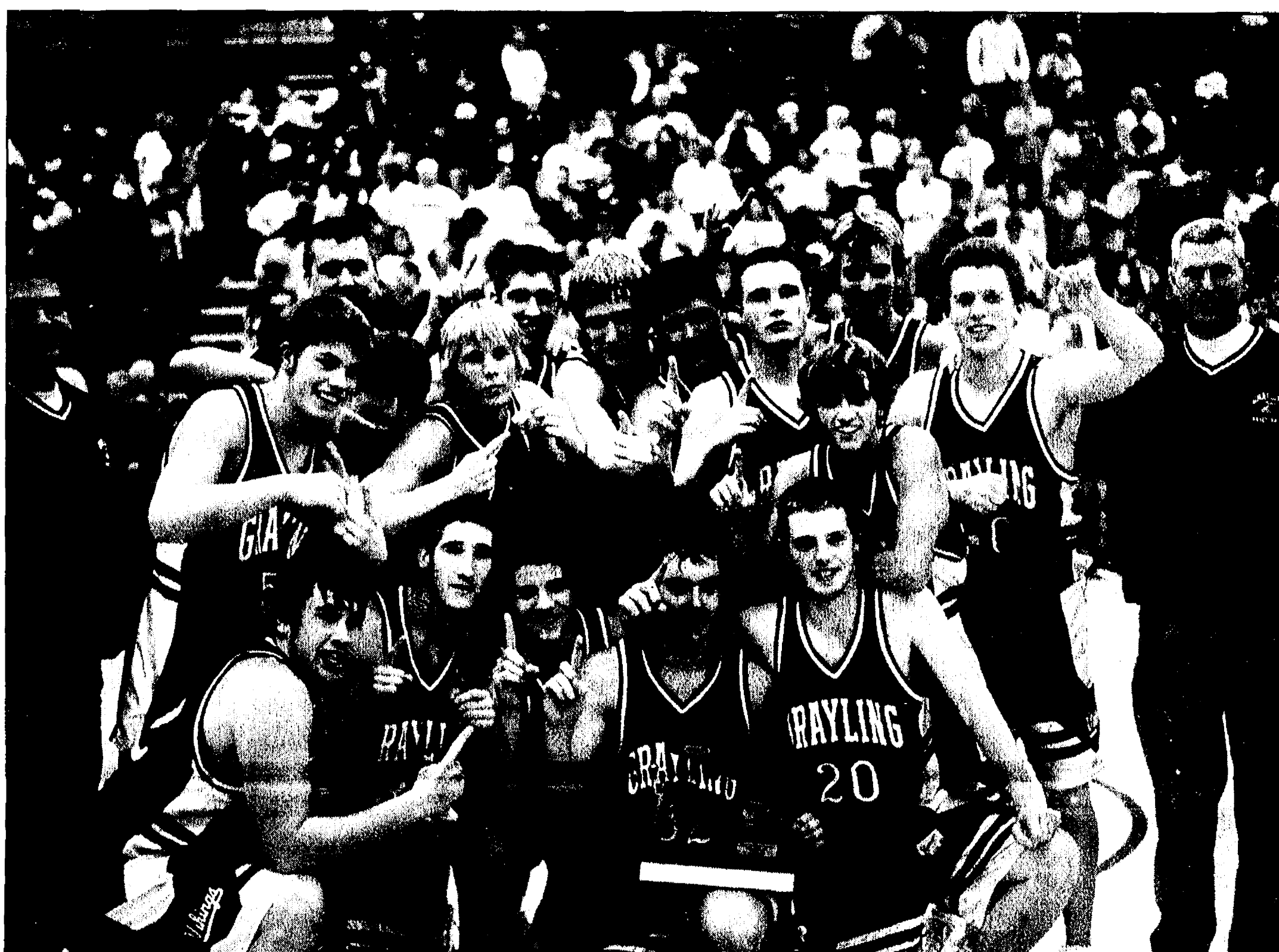


Photo by Caleb Casey

The Vikings celebrate their District championship on Friday night at Grayling High School. Grayling defeated the Harrison Hornets 58-41 in the District finals to clinch the tournament championship. The Vikings are: (front, left to right) Greg Morrill, Joe Zelek, Ryan Schmidt, Bobby Starks, Andy Strohpaul; (back, left to right) Assistant Coach Chris Kucharek, Matt Swope, Coach Rich Moffit, Josh Millikin, Chad Helsel, Joe Lange, Travis Helsel, Roy Czapek, Derek Johnston, Gibson Tobin, Josh Hinkle, Russ Peters, Assistant Coach Butch Hayes.

GHS wins semi-final game 66-59

**Grayling defeats
Kalkaska Blazers
by seven points
in overtime**

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team earned a spot in the District #63 Tournament championship game with a 66-59 overtime win over the Kalkaska Blazers last Thursday at GHS.

The Vikings went on to win a District title by beating Harrison 58-41 in the District finals on Friday night.

On Thursday, neither team shot well in a low scoring first quarter. Kalkaska led 11-9 after the first eight minutes of play.

The Vikings battled back from their early deficit and with a late surge in the second quarter finished the first half with a 25-22 advantage.

Kalkaska outscored Grayling 7-1 in the first 4:12 of the third quarter to lead 29-26. A three-pointer by Gibson Tobin tied the contest at 29-29 at the 3:33 mark.

Grayling took a two-point lead with two free throws by Joe Lange. Kalkaska answered with a drive to the basket. The Vikings scored two on a jump shot by Josh Hinkle. Kalkaska

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See "GHS WINS..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Roy Czapek goes up for a shot near the basket in last Thursday's District game vs. Kalkaska.

All four qualifiers place at State Wrestling Finals

**Wilson, Partello,
Babbitt, and Pratt
all finish in top
eight at State**

Four Grayling High School wrestlers qualified to compete in the State Wrestling Finals, held March 11-13 at the Palace of

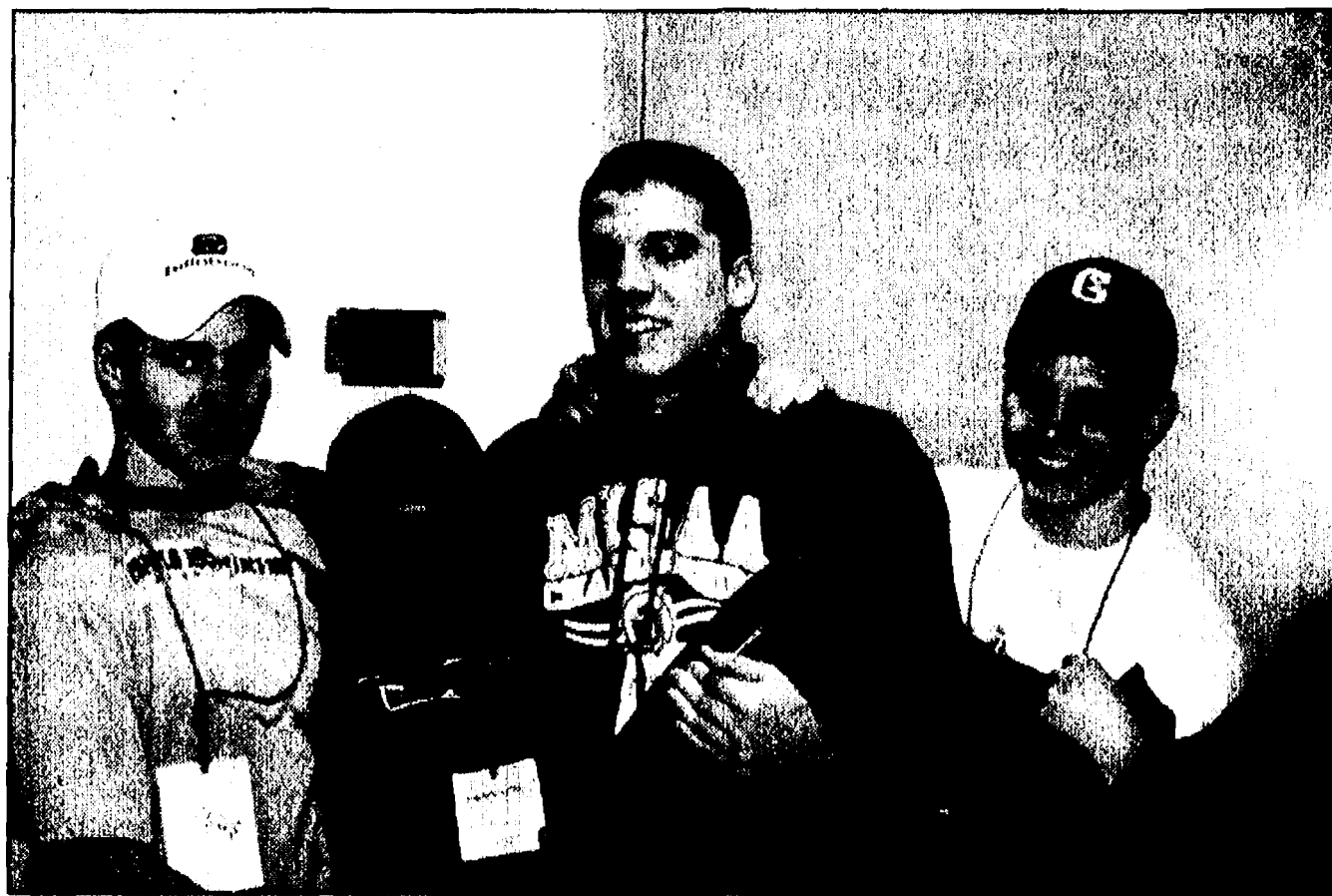
Auburn Hills, and all four earned medals at the state meet.

Brandon Pratt, Darryl Babbitt, Dusty Partello, and Joel Wilson all finished in the top eight of their respective weight classes at the state meet in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 3 Individual Finals.

Wilson, a sophomore, placed

5th in the 145-pound weight class; Partello, a senior, took 5th in the 152-pound division; Babbitt, a senior, finished 7th at 160; and Pratt, a senior, placed 5th in the 189-pound division.

For more on Grayling's four state wrestling finalists, see next week's Crawford County Avalanche.



(Left to right) Grayling High School wrestlers Darryl Babbitt, Joel Wilson, Brandon Pratt, and Dusty Partello enjoy their time at the State Individual Wrestling Finals. All four placed in the top eight in their weight classes and earned medals at the March 11-13 event.

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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Vikings win round 1 game by 31

GHS advances to semi-finals with 71-40 victory over Roscommon

The Vikings of Grayling High School advanced to the boys basketball District semi-finals with a 71-40 win vs. the Roscommon Bucks last Tuesday at GHS.

The game was close for one

quarter, then Grayling pulled away. Roscommon led 15-14 at one point in the first period, but Grayling surged late in the quarter to lead 23-17 going into the second period. GHS led 43-25 at halftime after outscoring Roscommon 20-8 in the second quarter.

The Vikings held Roscommon to three points while scoring 16 in the third quarter to add to their

lead. Grayling led by 31, 59-28, going into the fourth quarter. The Vikings won by 31 points, 71-40.

"Our defensive pressure wore Roscommon down in the second quarter and we went on a big run. We came out in the third quarter and sealed the win with a solid defensive effort," Coach Rich Moffit. "With the potential of playing three games in four days, it was extremely important to

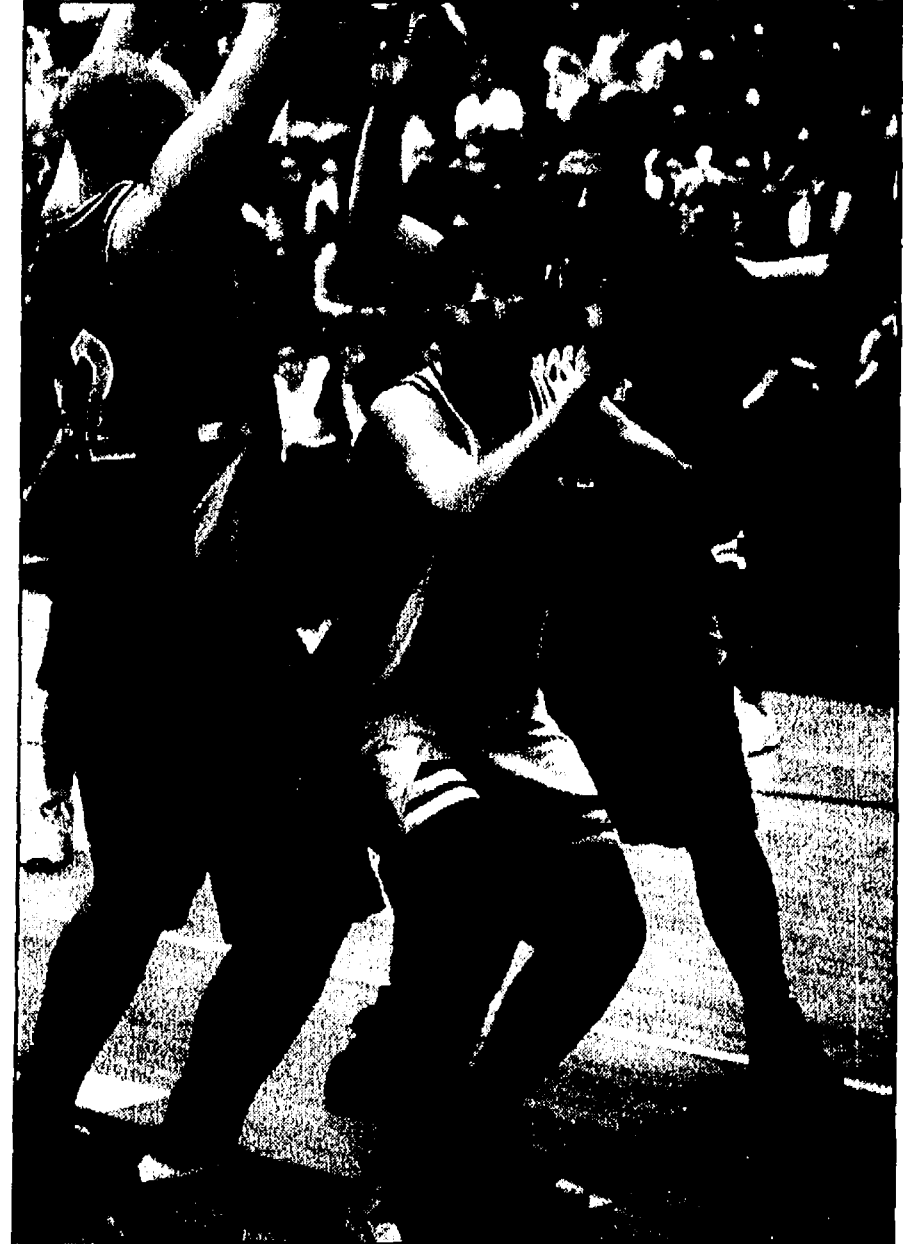
take care of business in this game."

The scoring leaders for Grayling were Joe Lange and Gibson Tobin (14 points each). Bobby Starks finished with 10, Roy Czapek added 9, and Josh Hinkle scored 8. Travis Helsel, Derek Johnston, Andy Strohpaal, Greg Morrill, Ryan Schmidt, and Chad Helsel also scored points for the Vikings.



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Grayling guard Andy Strohpaal pulls up for a jump shot in last week's play-off game against Roscommon.



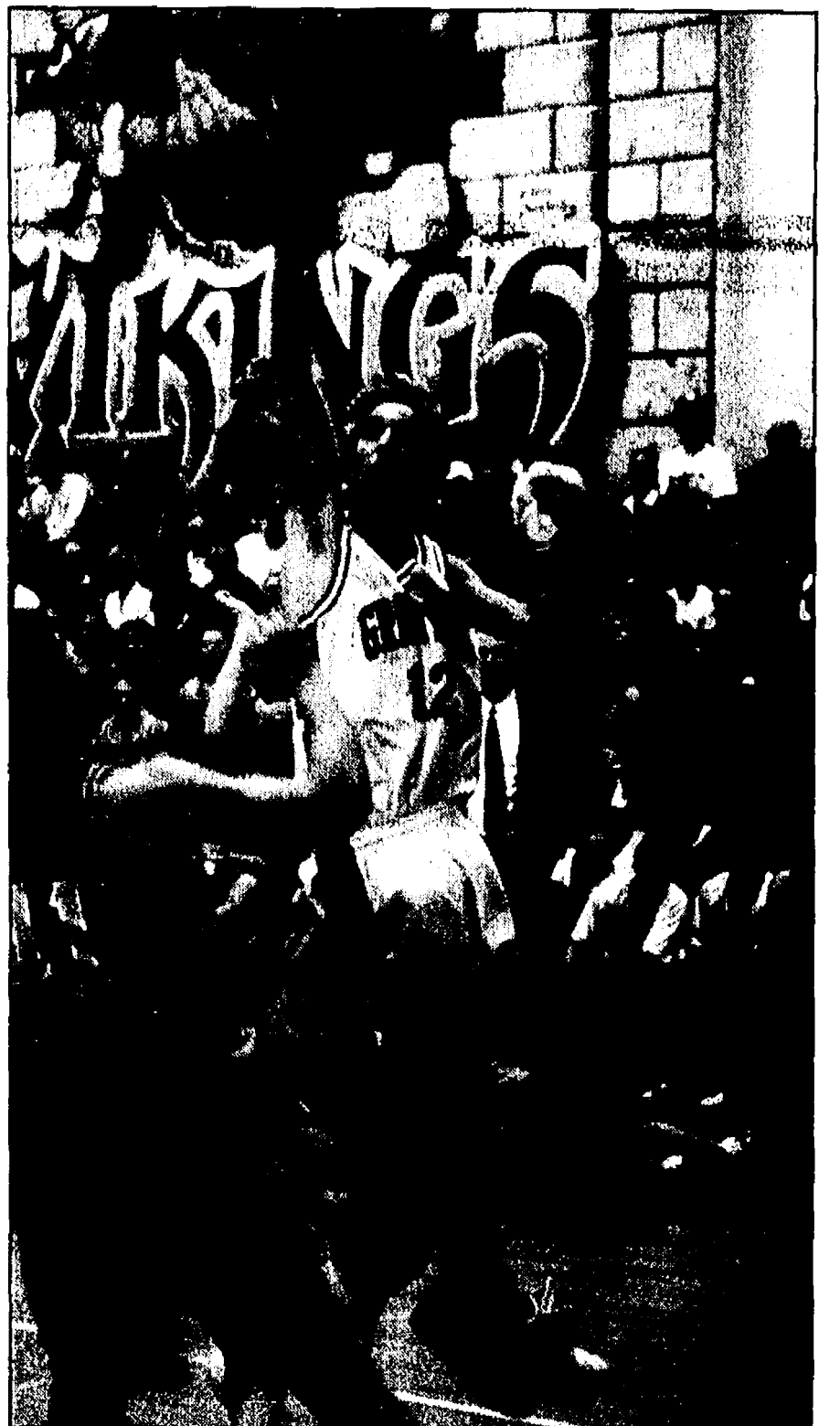
Matt Swope works the ball inside for Grayling in last Tuesday's District game vs. the Bucks.



Chad Helsel takes a free throw shot for Grayling.



Roy Czapek shoots a jump shot for the Vikings in last Tuesday's District contest vs. Roscommon.



Josh Hinkle drives to the basket for GHS in the game against the Bucks.

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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

GHS wins semi-final game 66-59

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responded with an inside shot to tie the game at 33-33.

A put-back by Roy Czapek at the 2:28 mark put Grayling up by two. Four free throws on two trips to the line gave Kalkaska a two-point edge. Grayling tied the game with a put-back by Lange. Two free throws put Kalkaska up by two. A free throw by Tobin pulled GHS within one. The Blazers scored the last two points of the third quarter on a pair of free throws.

Kalkaska led 41-38 going into the fourth quarter.

Grayling opened the fourth period with a 9-0 run. The run included a jumper by Tobin, a shot inside by Czapek, two free throws by Travis Helsel, and a triple by Tobin. The Vikings had a 47-41 advantage with 3:32 left in regulation.

Kalkaska pulled within three with a triple at the 3:20 mark. The Blazers fouled, and Grayling missed both free throws. The Vikings came up with the loose ball on the rebound and were called for an offensive foul on a drive to the basket. Kalkaska committed a turnover. Grayling shot, missed,

and Kalkaska rebounded. The Blazers hit a triple at the 1:55 mark to tie the game at 47-47.

A jumper by Hinkle put Grayling up by two with 1:35 left in regulation. Grayling came up with a steal and Tobin scored a three-pointer to put GHS ahead by five, 52-47.

The Vikings were called for a foul. Kalkaska hit one of two at the free throw line to cut Grayling's lead to four. On the free throw miss, Grayling rebounded the ball but the Vikings were called for traveling.

Kalkaska had possession of the ball with 1:01 remaining. With 35 seconds left on the clock, the Blazers hit a three-pointer to pull within one, 52-51.

Kalkaska fouled. Tobin hit one of two at the line to put Grayling up by two. The Vikings fouled Kalkaska on a shot attempt inside. The Blazers hit both free throws to tie the game at 53-53 with 11 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Grayling got the ball in bounds and across the half-court line. The Vikings shot, missed, and time expired while both teams scrambled for the loose ball.

With the score locked at 53-53, the game headed into overtime.

On the tip-off, Lange tipped to Czapek, who passed to Hinkle. Hinkle scored the lay-up to put Grayling up by two, 55-53. At the 3:50 mark, Kalkaska scored two free throws to tie the game at 55-55.

The Vikings went up by two with a pair of free throws by Lange (3:10). Kalkaska tried for three, missed, and Czapek came down with the rebound. The Blazers fouled and Grayling missed both free throws, but the loose ball on the rebound went out of bounds, last touched by Kalkaska. Grayling scored two on the possession with a shot inside by Lange on a pass from Tobin. GHS led 59-55 with 2:38 left in overtime.

Kalkaska pulled within three with a free throw shot. The second free throw missed and Lange rebounded. Grayling took time off the clock until Kalkaska fouled. Tobin hit both free throws to put GHS up by five, 61-56 (1:32).

Lange grabbed the rebound on a missed three-point attempt by Kalkaska. Czapek was fouled on a shot attempt inside. He hit one of two free throws to put GHS up by six (1:08).



Photos by Caleb Casey

Gibson Tobin drives to the basket for Grayling in last Thursday's District game vs. Kalkaska.

Kalkaska tried for three again, missed, and scored the put-back to pull within four (0:45). The Blazers fouled. Lange hit both free throws to put GHS back up by six, 64-58 (0:35).

Grayling knocked the ball free and Tobin came away with the loose ball. Kalkaska fouled. Tobin hit both free throws to extend Grayling's lead to eight, 66-58 (0:27).

Kalkaska tried for three, missed, got the rebound, and Grayling was called for a foul. The Blazers missed the first free throw and hit the second. The Vikings got the ball in and killed the last few seconds of overtime. Grayling won 66-59.

"This was an extremely intense game which was played hard at both ends of the court. Our kids battled adversity late in the game and made some pressure shots. Tobin and Lange were 8 for 8 at the free throw line in overtime," Coach Moffit said. "We have a lot of respect for Kalkaska and our coaching staff is tight with their staff."

Tobin was the leading scorer for Grayling with 21 points. Czapek finished with 16 and Lange added 10.



Grayling center Joe Lange goes up for shot inside on Thursday.

GRA GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Grayling Recreation Authority Girls Basketball League conducted its championship games on Saturday, March 13.

In the first game of the day, the Sparks played the Storm in a battle for third place. The Sparks won the game by a final score of 33-14.

In the game for first place, the Cornets played the Shock. The Shock came away with a 34-23 victory to win the league championship.

The league will hold its all-star competition on Saturday, March 20, at Grayling Middle School. The day will start with the shoot-out competition at 10 a.m. The all-star game (East vs. West) will begin at noon.

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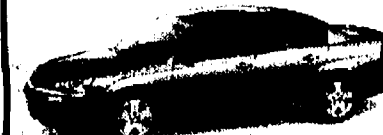
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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS Vikings win title game vs. Harrison Hornets

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The Vikings opened the second half with a 6-0 run, tying the score at 22-22.
Two free throws by Harrison put the Hornets up by two. A put-back by Travis Helsel tied the game. Harrison scored a three-point play to lead by three. Grayling scored two on a put-back by Lange. A shot inside put the Hornets up by three. Free throws by Greg Morrill and Lange tied the game at 29-29.
Harrison scored two points on a pair of free throws. Grayling answered with a shot inside by Lange. Harrison completed a three-point play. Two free throws

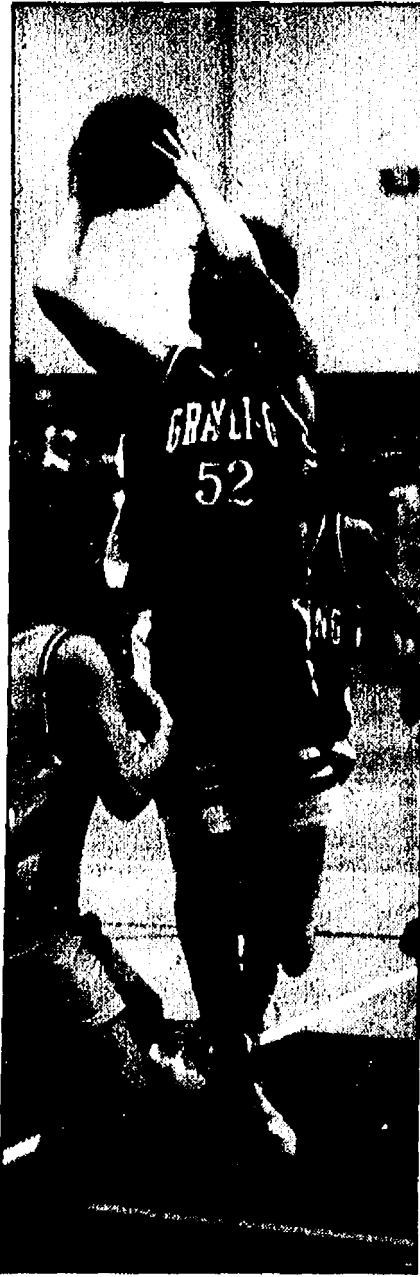
by Gibson Tobin pulled GHS within one. Grayling scored the last basket of the third quarter on a drive by Tobin.
Grayling led by one, 35-34, going into the fourth quarter.
A put-back by Tobin put Grayling up by three. Two free throws pulled Harrison within one. A lay-up by Josh Hinkle put GHS back up by three.
Harrison scored the next five points to lead by two, 41-39, with 4:13 remaining in regulation.
Grayling responded with a triple by Tobin. Harrison travelled, and Grayling scored two on a jumper by Hinkle. The Vikings knocked the ball loose and Helsel came down with it. The Vikings finished the possession with a lay-up by Hinkle. At the 2:50 mark, Tobin hit another triple. Grayling forced a tie-up and the possession arrow favored GHS. Lange was fouled on a shot inside. The ball went in, and he converted the free throw for a three-point play. Grayling led by 11, 52-41, with 2:17 remaining.
Harrison turned the ball over and fouled. Grayling missed both free throws. The Hornets tried for three, missed, and the ball went out of bounds, last touched by Harrison. The Hornets fouled. Grayling missed both free throws.
Harrison missed a two-point shot attempt, Hinkle rebounded, and the Hornets fouled. Hinkle hit both free throws. Grayling led 54-41 with 1:10 left in the game.
The Hornets tried for three, but the shot was blocked by Lange. Hinkle grabbed the loose ball and was fouled. He hit both free throw shots.
Tobin stole the ball and Grayling scored two on a put-back by Hinkle. Tobin came up with another steal and Grayling held on to the ball to kill the final seconds of the game. GHS won by 17, 58-41.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Travis Helsel drives to the basket for GHS in last Friday's District championship game vs. Harrison.

Leading scorers for Grayling were Hinkle (16), Tobin (14), and Lange (11).
"Our kids showed a lot of character in this game. We played very hard defensively," Coach Rich Moffit said. "This game showed our growth as far as character because we fought through adversity and kept our poise down the stretch."
"I am happy that our kids and our community won a District championship," Coach Moffit said. "We are now going to prepare this week for Tawas."
Grayling's District championship qualified the team for a spot in Regionals. The Vikings will play the Braves of Tawas on Friday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Houghton Lake High School. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.



Bobby Starks takes an inside shot for Grayling.

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March 20 or 21

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March 20 or 21

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Ole Dam Party Store
16. Alabama State (16-14)
Heads Up North
8. Seton Hall (20-9)
Wild Card
9. Arizona (20-9)
Dianes Car Wash
5. Illinois (24-6)
Randy Thompson Century 21
12. Murray State (28-5)
Sylvesters/Wimpy's
4. Cincinnati (24-6)
McLeans Ace Hardware
13. East Tenn. St. (27-5)
Wild Card
6. North Carolina (18-10)
Wild Card
11. Air Force (22-6)
J's Motor Mall
3. Texas (23-7)
Davis Jeweler
14. Princeton (20-7)
Wild Card
7. Xavier (23-10)
DeShano Construction Co.
10. Louisville (20-9)
Tom Slavens Re/max of Grayling
2. Mississippi St. (25-3)
Jansen Insurance
15. Monmouth (21-11)
Showtime Collision
1. Stanford (29-1)
Grayling Restaurant
16. Tex-San Ant. (19-13)
Wild Card
8. Alabama (17-12)
Comfort Center
9. Southern Illinois (25-4)
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12. BYU (21-8)
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2003-04 GRA Pom Pon Squad



The 2003-2004 GRA Pom Pon Squad: (front, left to right) Jesse Ferrell, Kim Long, Nikki Lynch; (middle, left to right) Stacy Brown, Jenny Long, Jenny VanNuck, Erica Fenn, Summer Coe; (back, left to right) Megan Fekete, Val Huffman, Laura Gorski, Coach Judy Long. Not pictured: Jamie Pinkelman, Nicole Doremire, Coach Penny Rosin. The pom pon squad performed at half-time at several GHS varsity basketball home games this year.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation

Woody Girls 30 - 14
Chicken Little 26.5 - 17.5
Peterson Service 23 - 21
Coldwell Banker 21 - 23
Mickey Perez CPA 20.5 - 23.5
Glen's Market 20 - 24
Gale Enterprises 19 - 25
Hawk Ridge Golf 16 - 28
High Series: S. Johnson, 544; S. Harney, 541; K. Moshier, 489.
High Game: S. Harney, 231; S. Johnson, 200; P. D'Amour, 192.

Monday Night Pioneer

Chemical Bank 32.5 - 15.5
McDonald's 32 - 16
Grayling Chiro.Clinic 31.5 - 16.5
Grayling Restaurant 26 - 22
Custom Interior 21 - 27
Rochette's 19 - 29
AJD Forest Product 18 - 30
South Side River Rats 12 - 36
High Series: B. Nielson, 614; L. Golnick, 553; N. Glasslee, 542.
High Game: B. Nielson, 221; N. Glasslee, 202; L. Golnick, 198.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Calkins Excavating 32 - 20
Moshier Auto Repair 27 - 25
Charles Country Corner 27 - 25
American Legion 25 - 27
4 F.I. 23 - 29
Double Trouble 22 - 30
Mens High Series: D. Canfield, 584; D. Wallace, 576; C. Hanson, 536. Mens High Game: D. Canfield, 216; D. Wallace, 212; C. Hanson, 190. Women High Series: K. Trudeau, 178; D.

Medina, 177; S. France, 175.
Women High Game: S. Johnson, 480; K. Trudeau, 474; K. Moshier, 472.

Senior Bowling

Spikes Keg O'Nail 68 - 40
Flowers By Josie 64 - 44
Kicking Grass 60.5 - 47.5
Gray Rock 60 - 48
Grayling Pharmacy 53 - 55
Sylvesters Sports 45.5 - 62.5
Lone Pine Restaurant 43 - 65
Bear's Den Pizza 38 - 70
Men's High Series: K. Harris, 569; L. Crampton, 526; A. Smith, 489. Men's High Game: K. Harris, 219; L. Crampton, 211; H. Ingram, 194. Women's High Series: N. Glasslee, 443; H. Stairs, 432; D. Hollis, 423. Women's High Game: D. Hollis, 179; R. Joyce, 169; P. Gillis, 165.

American Men's League

Scheer Motors 27 - 8
McLeans ACE 21 - 14
Sawmill Tavern 20 - 15
Fenton's Auto Service 19 - 16
K-D's 17 - 18
Eagles Club 16 - 19
GADCO 11 - 24
Moore's Automotive 9 - 26
High Series: T. Devins, 636; J. Robideau, 609; A. Angove, 601.
High Game: T. Devins, 239; L. Davis, 217; J. Robideau, 214.
Northwood League
Three Chicks 39 - 21
Hals Masonry 30.5 - 29.5
Choppers Spares 28.5 - 31.5

Bud Lite Chicks 28 - 32
Great Lakes Mortgage 18 - 42
High Series: D. Harris, 435; T. Benardo, 410. High Game: D. Harris, 169; L. Ellis, 167; T. Bernardo, 161.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Little Tyke Daycare 63 - 28
Weyerhaeuser 46 - 45
Dairy Queen 45 - 46
Deneco 43.5 - 47.5
Calkins Excavating 42.5 - 48.5
Fritch Electric 42 - 49
River Valley Grille 42 - 49
Beckett Construction 40 - 51
Mens High Series: J. Hunt, 564; S. Miller, 535; D. Wallace, 530. Mens High Game: S. Miller, 221; J. Hunt, 207; J. Fritch, 192. Womens High Series: M. Cole, 475; T. Rock, 466; D. Calkins, 446. Womens High Game: L. Bendig, 196; T. Rock, 181; V. Meharg, 177.

National First

Sawmill 44 - 26
Hart Pontiac- GMC 39 - 31
Northern Tail Ranch 37 - 33
AuSable Construction 36 - 34
Corky's Karaoke 34.5 - 35.5
Legion Lanes 30 - 40
Denholm Chiro. 30 - 40
Faustman's Insurance 28.5 - 41.5
High Series: J. Thayer, 612; J. Robideau, 569; T. Devins, 565.
High Game: J. Rhayer, 242; J. Robideau, 237; M. Barr, 223.

File No. 04-6771-DE Estate of Elizabeth B. Butkovich, deceased

Date of birth: 1-27-1910
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Elizabeth B. Butkovich, who lived at the Grayling Nursing Centre, Grayling, Michigan died March 26, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Ann Thayer, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Mary Ann Thayer
206 AuSable River Trl
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-5692

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth A. Leasure and Craig Leasure, husband and wife, to Residential Mortgage Corporation (IMC), a Florida Corporation, mortgagee, dated September 25, 1998 and recorded October 15, 1998 in Liber 465, Page 451, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP March 8, 2004

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Members Present: Riley, Balmes, Little, Mobarak and Hartman. There were 8 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor, and Planning Commission.

There were 7 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Balmes to put request on November ballot to ask for replacement of approximately 9/10th of a mill lost from Headlee Rollbacks. Seconded and motion carried.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mobarak and seconded to buy back cemetery lots from Mrs. Trudgeon at the price she paid for them in 1991. Motion carried.

2. Discussion regarding having received 30-gallon garbage bags in our last shipment instead of 33-gallon bags. Motion by Little to sell the 30-gallon bags at \$9.00 per roll and the 33-gallon bags for \$10.00 per roll. Next month, we will decide whether to order more 33-gallon bags.

3. The DNR will be doing three cuttings in the office/park area along S. Grayling Road and on West 7 Mile Road.

4. Discussion regarding the Capitalization Policy.

5. Motion by Balmes and seconded to drop our general insurance liability limit from 5 mil to 2 mil per occurrence. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Mobarak to hold one cleanup this year in late June. Seconded. Motion carried.

7. Motion to pay AP bills, seconded and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738
989-348-2841

Case No. 03-6261-CH

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Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5232

Juan J. Valdez and Shari L. Valdez
201 Peerless
Waterford, MI 48322

Summons notice to the defendant: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan, you are notified:

1. You are being sued.
2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

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County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$44,996.00) including interest at the rate of 11.39% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 8 and South half (1/2) of Lot No. 9 Jonawissen Subdivision, Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 4, 2004
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1, As Assignee

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 231.3509
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Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage

made by Jenny J. Lanvers, a single woman, of 11336 Pebble Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653-7636 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated May 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on May 29, 2003, in Liber 636 Pages 407 through 417. Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$37,994.39.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 14th day of April, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the

contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lot 19, WILLIAMS WILDERNESS, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

February 27, 2004
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING
LLP

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, MI 49721
(231) 627-4351

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NOTICE

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. is seeking proposals for the provision of substance abuse prevention services for fiscal year 2004/2005 in the primary service area of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Otsego, Roscommon, and Wexford counties. For Request for Proposal packets please contact: Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc., 1165 Elkview, Suite #1, P.O. Box 1278, Gaylord, MI 49734, (989) 732-1791, ext.18. Requests may also be made by email to Heidi.Serven@nmsas.net.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level conference room of the coordinating agency, 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan. Proposals are due to NMSAS no later than Friday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

March 19, 1981

The Grayling High matmen traveled to Cadillac for the 5th United States Wrestling Federation Freestyle Tournament. Over 225 high school boys from all over the State of Michigan vied for championship honors. Tournament held at Michigan State University. Placing from Grayling was Dan Meldrum, and Jeff Knight both with third place.

The Grayling Area Jaycees have announced that preparations are under way for the 1981 AuSable non-stop Canoe Marathon. The Grayling - Oscoda Race Committee has established a \$7000 prize money goal.

With the regular season of Junior Pro Basketball finished, things are beginning to pick up for the 6th grade All-Star team. The team will be traveling to Cincinnati, Ohio on March 20 to participate in the National Junior Pro Basketball League Tournaments. Members of the All-Star team are: Wayne Casler, Scott Davis, Rick Dillenbeck, Todd Klinger, Andy Kortess, Jim Laurent, John Meagher, Michelle Moore, David Somerville, Keith Whaley, John Zielinski and Tim Zigala. Fred Fisher is the alternate and managers are Joe LaGrow and Kathy Kraus. Coaches are Mike Shearer, Dave Zielinski and Ted Kortess.

Grayling girls and boys raised a total of \$1,704.38 for the Rey's Syndrome Bowl-A-Thon. First

place winners of a bowling ball were: Tracy Muth, Steve Brooks, Tracy Wolf, Mike VanHill, Yvonne Moshier and Kevin Hunter.

46 Years Ago

March 20, 1958

Jane Buron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Buron was pleased and happy to receive about ten cards and letters last Saturday from friends and relatives in the Port Huron and Detroit areas congratulating her on her skiing ability as depicted on the television show "Michigan Outdoors" shown last Thursday night. Jane was shown skiing downhill several times and riding the tow back up the hill in a film taken at the Grayling Winter Sports Park.

The interior of the Barringer's Men's Shop store in the Shoppenagons Inn building has been completely redecorated.

After long delays which have lasted for more than a year the Grayling Waterworks project officially started Monday, March 18. August Frank, local contractor, is the first to start operations. His contract calls for drilling a test well and the two eight inch wells which will supply the water for the system.

Expenditures of \$85,900 by the Michigan National Guard this spring at Camp Grayling-McNamara Air Base, is expected to furnish employment for local labor and prove a boon to the local economy. Listed among the pro-

jects are \$29,600 to clean out the joints between concrete slabs of the runways at the Air Base and the re-caulking of them; \$2,300 to re-paint the marking of the runways and taxi strip areas; \$10,000 to pave McKinney (Lake) Road and around the dispensary area at Camp Grayling; \$25,000 for concrete tent floors in the "C" area and the artillery area; \$7,000 to bring electrical lines to the new tent floors and \$14,000 for improvement to the camp's road system in the ammunition storage area.

The Crawford County Road Commission on February 28, 1958 adopted "Resolution For Road Closure Concurrence For Limited Access Highway Improvement, State Truckline US -27, Crawford County", giving the State Highway Department authorization to close: Five Mile Road at the East and West right of way lines of the expressway; North Down River Road at the southwesterly and east right of way lines of the expressway; Lewiston Grade at the east and west right of way of the expressway; Roberts Road at the southwesterly and northeasterly right of way of the expressway one mile north of M-93 and one mile south of Crawford Otsego line; Batterson Road at the east and west right of way of the expressway, for the improvement of expressway known as US-27 extending from Five Mile Road north to the Crawford Otsego County Line.

A permanent organization will function this spring to begin beautification of the 220 mile strip of

US-27 running between St. Johns and Cheboygan. Delegates from more than a score of clubs scattered along the route proposed planting of trees along state-owned lands in co-operation with the conservation department, and plans for the development of small parks around roadside springs along US-27. Grayling was represented by Mrs. Frank Barnett, Miss Elizabeth Ann Kraus, Donald Charron and Sam Gust.

69 Years Ago

March 21, 1935

The home of Wiley Johnson in Beaver Creek burned to the ground yesterday afternoon at about three o'clock and the family lost everything. The fire started from a defective chimney. Mr. Johnson and his daughter resided there.

About 60 people attended a panel meeting concerning the new limited access highway which will be constructed through Crawford County during the next five years.

92 Years Ago

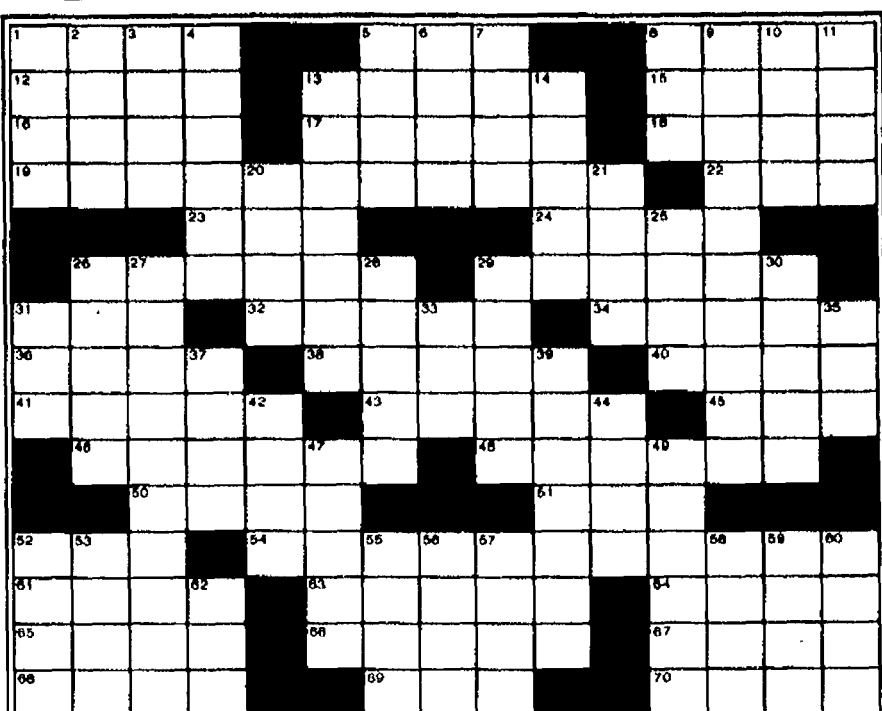
March 22, 1912

C. S. Barber has been nominated for highway commissioner of Frederic, which doubtless means his elections.

The building owned and occupied by Mrs. Cora Stephan, on the corner of Railroad and Ogemaw Streets, was consumed by fire last Tuesday afternoon.

It has been rumored that Train Master Lankey of the Michigan Central will be transferred to the Detroit-Bay City division and that Chas. Coyle, son of Supt. Coyle of the Mackinac Division will be appointed in his place.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Barabakh, expressionist painter.
5. Acronym for Vertical Update Point.
8. Low, prolonged sound of pain.
12. Distinguished female operatic singer.
13. Extracted from a source.
15. Willy subterfuge.
16. Having a horizontal surface.
17. Large sea ducks, having valuable down.
19. Unexpectedly excellent.
22. Acronym for the word meaning "an additional postscript."
23. Broad sash worn with a Japanese kimono.
24. Enriquillo, largest lake in Hispaniola.
26. Shaw, former chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.
29. Not according with the facts.
31. Man much concerned with his appearance.
32. Part of a gown that trails behind the wearer.
34. Near the beginning of a period of time.
36. French for "wood."
38. Abbreviation for synchronist.
40. To plunge into water headfirst.
41. Something put into a system.
43. French for "conditions or states at particular times."
45. Open-meshed fabric woven together at regular intervals.
46. Astute or sharp.
48. Pointed parts of a fork.
50. Combining form of Africa.
51. Abbreviation for Illinois Wesleyan University.
52. To prohibit legal means.
54. Not up to par.
61. Miscellaneous collection.
63. Place for storing goods.
64. Roger, French author of Jeopote Plainte.
65. Became old.
66. To fry in a small amount of fat.
67. Slender, rigid, springy animal part.
68. To tear down to make flat with the ground.
69. Prefix meaning "prior to."
70. To become a part of a group.

DOWN

1. 15th of March, May, July or October in the ancient Roman calendar.
2. Container for housing honeybees.
3. Chamber used for baking.
4. Sum of money demanded for Someone's release.
5. Factor... essential for blood clotting.
6. To reverse.
7. End of a hammer head used for bending the material struck.
8. Conventional title of courtesy for a married woman.
9. Outflowing.
10. Acronym for the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel.
11. Devices used to capture birds.
13. Area of activity in which one excels.
14. To gradually make dry.
20. To touch or end at one end.
21. Coming after the proper time.
25. One-hundredth of a right angle.
26. Deranged individuals.
27. Revealing scenes.
28. Put into a certain place.
29. To remove the cap of.
30. Plural of elf.
31. Acronym for Famous But Incompetent.
33. Abbreviation for intelligence.
35. Up to now.
37. Sound of breaking waves.
39. To mark with striations.
42. Three-masted schooner.
44. Sprinkled with seed.
47. mass of trees greater than a grove but smaller than a forest.
49. In accord with naturism.
52. Uncastrated swine.
53. Singular of algae.
55. Less-than-average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon.
56. Pointed device secured on a rider's heel to urge on a horse.
57. To carry by hand.
58. West African evergreen tree, having red and yellow fruits.
59. Learned.
60. Small portion of something to drink.
62. Lyric poem marked by exaltation of feeling and style.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



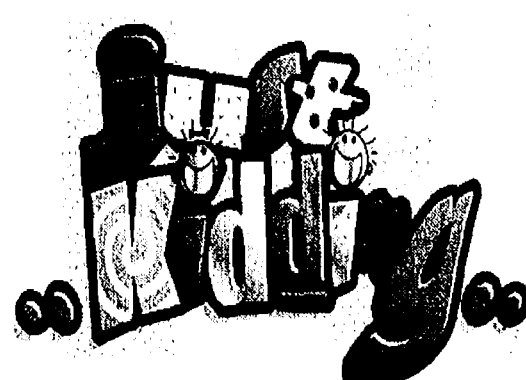
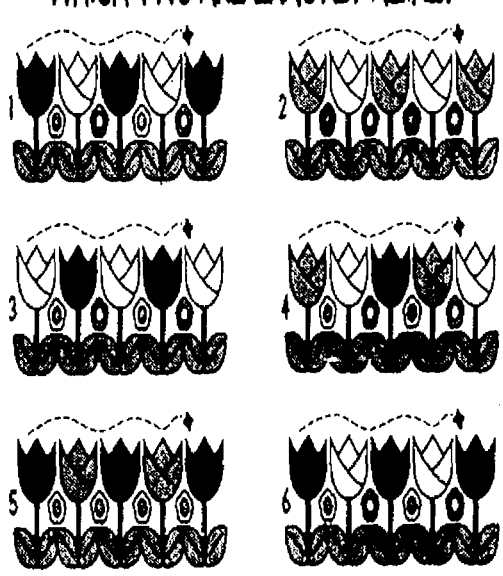
Chocolate Gingerbread Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter
- 2 tsp. freshly grated ginger
- 1/2 cup Molasses
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 6 oz. chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Sift flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda and cocoa. Cream butter and ginger until light. Add molasses and sugar and combine. Gradually add flour mixture into butter mixture. Mix in chocolate and nuts. Wrap dough in plastic and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Heat oven to 325°F. Roll 1 Tbsp. dough into ball with your palms and flatten into disks. Place 2 in. apart on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes. Cool. (2 dozen)

FIND THE TWINS

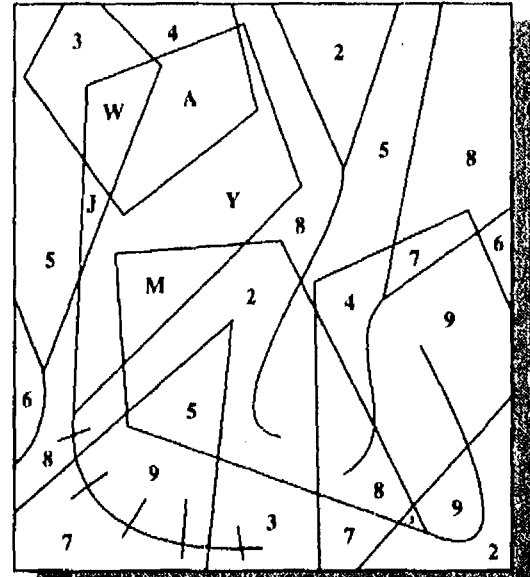
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



DID YOU KNOW

Most lipstick contains fishscales

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

Adopt a Pet



Sweet, gentle Polly is about 6 months old. She has all of her vaccinations, has been spayed, and is heartworm tested.

Don't forget to Have a Heart for the animals! Show your love for animals and buy a heart today at local participating businesses. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Snow	Temp	High	Low	Precip	Clouds	Wind
3/10	40	17	15	High	38	26	Low	24	21
3/11	42	23	14	High	39	28	Low	24	21
3/12	41	12	15	High	36	17	Low	24	21
3/13	20	-6	15	High	32	22	Low	24	21
3/14	35	20	15	High	34	24	Low	24	21
3/15	35	23	15	High	36	24	Low	24	21
3/16	32	9	15	High	34	24	Low	24	21

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 18, 2004

<p>ARIES March 21 - April 19</p> <p>While your plan may seem more reasonable, you may have to go with your friend's. After all, they are in charge of the travel arrangements.</p>	<p>TAURUS April 20 - May 20</p> <p>A young relative tends to run away from their problems. Pointing this out to them doesn't seem to help; perhaps it's time for professional guidance.</p>	<p>GEMINI May 21 - June 21</p> <p>Maneuvering through a sticky situation at work requires finesse. Compose yourself and prepare to be graceful and charming.</p>
<p>CANCER June 22 - July 22</p> <p>An elderly friend receives a new lease on life. Share their story with others who might benefit. You receive praise from an unexpected source.</p>	<p>LEO July 23 - August 22</p> <p>Just when you thought the atmosphere at home couldn't get any more tense, another disagreement breaks out. You may have to step in and play mediator.</p>	<p>VIRGO August 23 - September 22</p> <p>A tragedy inspires you to do more for others. You can start by contacting a charity in your community. A financial endeavor turns out well.</p>
<p>LIBRA September 23 - October 22</p> <p>You're a genius with words. Use your skills to help a friend rewrite their resume and make themselves more marketable.</p>	<p>SCORPIO October 23 - November 21</p> <p>A home repair proves difficult. Retrace your steps and find out where you went wrong. A friend intervenes on your behalf.</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS November 22 - December 21</p> <p>You're a financial wizard. Take advantage of your talents to help a friend get through some rough times. Start with a new budget.</p>

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance

Display Advertising Rate - \$6.90 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$5.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 1/2 acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/tf/1)

1. Real Estate

BUILD YOUR DREAMS within one mile of city limits, 1.1 acre parcels, \$750 down, 125.86 month payment, call 348-1482. (-18-25-1-8/1)

1. Real Estate

CAMP IN YOUR POLE barn. 10 acres, heavily wooded, paved road, walk to AuSable. Lovells area, \$49,900. 344-8032. (-4-11-18-25-1-8/1)

1. Real Estate

IT'S SPRING HOME improvement time at Great Lakes Mortgage, \$200 off any mortgage loan closed before June 1, 2004. Call (989) 348-7500 or stop by 501 N. James Street in Grayling. (-18-25-1/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW CUSTOM BUILT HOME on 2.25 acres, ranch, three bedroom, two bath, 28 x 28 garage, custom oak cabinets throughout, oak flooring, ceramic, cathedral ceiling, Anderson windows, close to holy waters of AuSable River, must see for \$140,000. 348-5372. (-LR6/17/04/1)

1. Real Estate

HUGE 5 BEDROOM HOME on 4.45 acres. +/- 5000 square foot home. Full walkout basement, tried deck built in 1996. Only \$199,900 MLS#104329. Call Sandy Job at ERA HoughtonHiggins.com, Inc. for more information 989-821-6801 or e-mail me at sandyjob@era.com (-18-25/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass, a division of JJ's Motor Mall. Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$125, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement, stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass, across from Skip's, M-72 West, (989) 348-7710. (-18/1)

1. Real Estate

QUALITY BUILT THREE bedroom, two bath home with attached, heated, two car garage. Amenities include oak flooring, wiring for surround sound, heated tile floors in bathrooms, deck and storage shed. Located at 3151 Jones Lake Rd. in AuSable Woods - includes use of club house and pool. \$119,000. 348-3587. Owners motivated to sell. (-4-11-18/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW THREE BEDROOM, one bath with two car attached garage, 20 ft. concrete approach, sidewalks, 4" well, 90% furnace, grassed, newly stick built. Five miles east of Grayling on McCarty Drive. \$87,000. (989) 348-4840 (-11-18-25-1-8/1)

1. Real Estate

FIVE BEDROOM Completely remodeled 1,800 sq. ft. 210 Mikado St. Two baths all new, roof, siding, windows, doors, drywall, kitchen, baths, plumbing, electric, 90 percent efficient furnace, carpet, floor covering, interior doors, cabinets, finished back porch, extra lot. Priced to sell at \$126,000. Call owner (989) 348-4716. (1/15/04/tf/1)

1. Real Estate

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom units. persons must be 62 years or older and/or handicapped or disabled of any age. Rent based on income. No minimum rent. Applications at office on site or call Linda at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-4-11-18-25/2)

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH 1,800 square feet, with garage, Grayling, available 4/1/04. \$750 a month. Reference required, section 8 considered. (989) 344-2002 or 734-287-7768. (-11-18-25-1/2)

1. Real Estate


BEAUTIFUL WOODED ACRES 10 acre parcel with rolling terrain and a variety of hardwoods. Electric is adjacent. A beautiful setting that would be ideal to hunt, camp on or build a cabin. \$29,900 #228899

1. Real Estate

SECLUDED BUT CLOSE TO PAVED ROAD Here is that perfect 2.5 acre getaway spot that adjoins state land to the North. Sits back on a 2-track road with a locked gate. Septic, and well on site, but not guaranteed. \$16,900 #228118

1. Real Estate

WOODED ACRES Acreage in a nice mix of hardwoods, pines, rolling hills and meadows. Lots are in 10, 20, and 40 acre parcels. Prices from \$35,000 to \$130,000 #14849-14888




CHARLENE SCHEER
Broker / Owner
Limited Real Estate Advisor
Office: 348-7440

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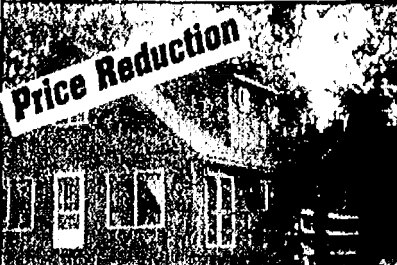
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Price Reduction

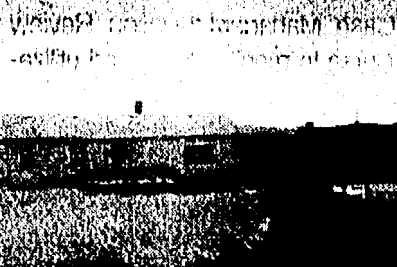


A 15 ACRE RETREAT FOR ALL SEASONS Chateau with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan with Pergo floors downstairs. Kitchen offers quality oak cabinets and snack bar. Vinyl thermo windows, drywall throughout. Brick fireplace in living room. Outside water and electric. Gravel drive. Country maintained Road. CS-1800 \$89,500

Sold



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED CLOSE TO TOWN Newer home built in 1995. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home offers 1300 square foot. Open floor plan. Master bedroom offers walk-in closet, garden tub and separate shower. All bedrooms have walk-in closets. Kitchen offers oak kitchen cabinets, gas stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Washer and dryer also stay. Peaked ceilings, vinyl windows and vinyl siding. Attached 28 x 24 garage. Immediate Occupancy. CS-1828 \$76,500



NEAT AND CLEAN WITH COUNTRY SETTING Newly remodeled home on 2.5 acres. 920 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, 36x24 garage. Updated windows, garage doors, and floor covering. Handicap accessible, landscaped yard, fenced in back yard. To include stove refrigerator, washer, and dryer. Firepit. Close to snowmobile trails, state land and lakes. 1 1/2 miles from I-75. CS-1771 \$69,500

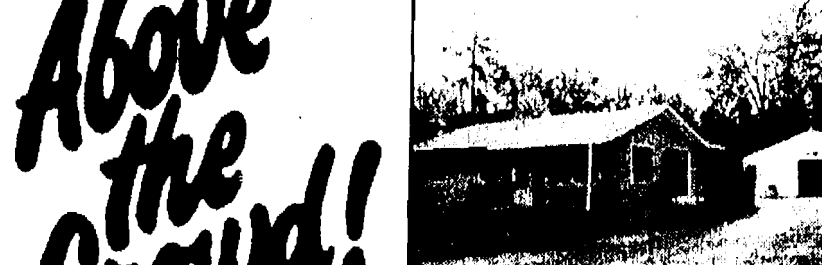


85 ON THE FAMOUS MANISTEE RIVER Where Mother Nature is the major developer. 4 seasons recreational opportunities. Enjoy a leisurely summer on the famous Manistee River. Property abounds with acres of state land to the South and across the road. Great fishing, canoeing and hunting. Home offers new floor covering, new LP gas forced air furnace, new LP hot water heater, 5 new vinyl windows, 2 new steel doors, new dock. Appliances include stove with hood fan, dishwasher, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Never roof. Included site are 4 kayaks, 2 kitchen tables and chairs, 2 bedroom decks and entertainment center in pole barn. CS-1897 \$142,000

Price Reduction



CLEAN, COZY, NEW Imagine 30.7 acres of wooded privacy. All 1/4 mile from AuSable State Forest, Manistee River, snowmobile trails and excellent hunting. Freshly renovated. Current owner just completed finishing 1989 shell, metal roof, vinyl siding, pole barn. 5 inch, 237 foot well. 2 B/R plus Loft, New Kitchen & bath. Modern interior, including furniture and offers immediate occupancy. \$139,000 CH-1856



2.5 ACRES ADJOINING HURON NATIONAL FOREST Remodeled 3 B/R, 1 3/4 bath, open great room w/ vaulted ceiling. Stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, and freezer. BEST-OF-ALL 30x40 insulated heated garage. Road maintenance included in tax bill. Remodeled updated features include vinyl siding, roof, six windows, tickery kitchen cabinets, dock, paint, ceramic tile, bathrooms, furnace, well, most appliances, doors and storm doors. CH-1764 \$89,500



COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS FINEST 4 B/R, 2 1/2 bath home w/brick, vinyl exterior. Built for entertainment. Completely remodeled w/custom doors and trim. Master B/R suite w/french doors onto rear deck. Gas fireplace in family room. Attached garage is heated and insulated, many built-in features. 16x20 1 1/2 story barn. CH-1778 \$134,500



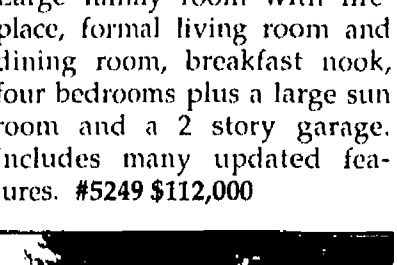
DON'T MISS THIS ONE!! Clean quality 3 B/R, 2 Bath, family room with door wall and privacy French doors. Move in condition with IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY. Includes self contained GUEST HOME/OFFICE. Quiet setting in town setting with beautiful oak shade trees. Fenced in backyard, kids fort and swing set. One block to hospital, school and new library. CH-1783 \$112,500

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Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday by appointment only
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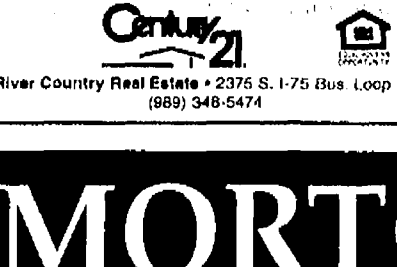
1. Real Estate



Wonderful floor plan, especially for entertaining or a growing family. Large family room with fireplace, formal living room and dining room, breakfast nook, four bedrooms plus a large sun room and a 2 story garage. Includes many updated features. #5249 \$112,000



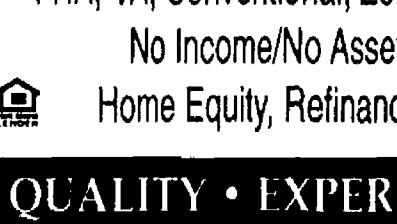
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(989) 348-5474




QUALITY BUILT TOWNHOUSE IN DESIRABLE VIKING VILLAGE Spacious 1,248 s.f., 2 B/R, 2 bath, double Anderson Windows and door w/ oak trim, central A/C, breakfast room, all appliances included, formal entry large living room, drywall interior, spotless move in condition. 16 x 24 attached heated and finished garage, blacktop drive, sprinkling system. Beautiful secluded setting, located just outside city limits. Master B/R suite w/ walk-in closet, full bathroom. Amenities provided: a grasshopper trimmer, snow removal, garbage pickup. Excellent Opportunity. Ask for condo bylaws. Seller is a licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of Michigan. CH-1807 \$87,900



25' ON THE AUSABLE RIVER Multi-use recreational property on the "Holy Waters" of the Ausable River with a dock and beach at the river's edge. This 3BR, 2 bath home sits on 9.03 acres with 25' of frontage. Very private, would make an excellent fulltime or vacation home. New insulated garage with electric. \$230,000 #231077



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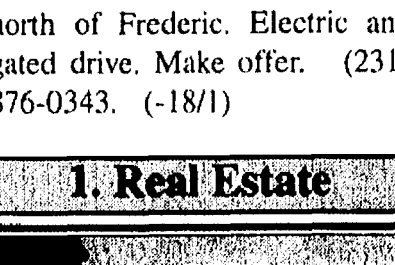


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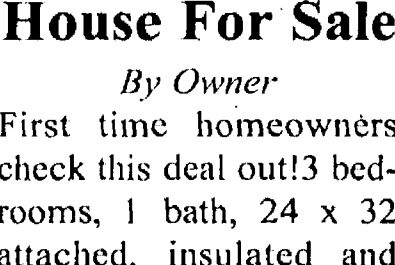


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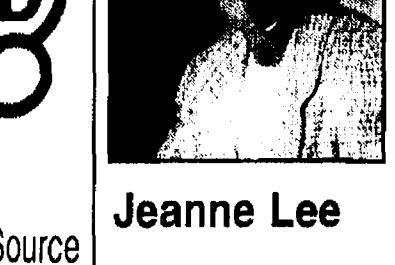
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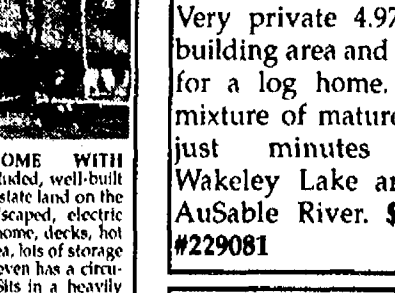
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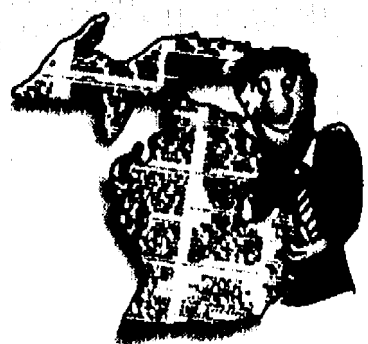
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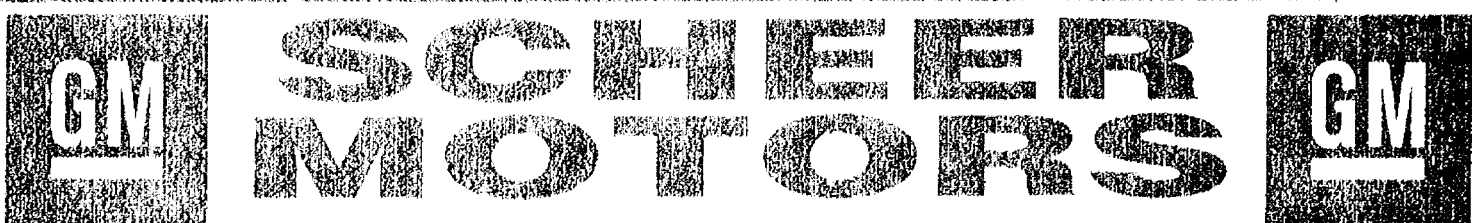
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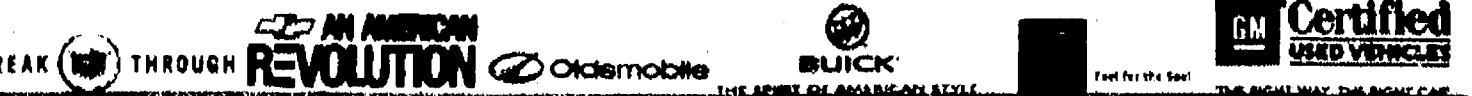
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